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MANOJ KUNINTI / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The newly painted Bobcat statues will soon appear across campus. Bobcat statues will be placed at select locations as they are completed. SGA's statue will be unveiled as a kickoff for Homecoming week.



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From left, students Rebecca Ezell and Chelsea Oglesby diligently paint one of the new Bobcat statues. There are currently six statues and four sponsors. The fiberglass material requires many coats of paint moving the expected release date from November to Feb. 14. The Department of Art was given the task of decorating each statue.

First Bobcat statue to prowl campus Monday

COURTNEY MURRAH SENIOR REPORTER

Students will soon be encountering bobcats on their morning walks to class.

Four Bobcat statues purchased by Georgia College to raise school spirit will be unveiled one by one starting Feb.

"As they are completed, they will be placed and we'll do a dedication as they're ready," said Vice President of University Advancement, Amy

The university originally bought six statues, but so far only four have sponsors -Georgia College SGA, The Brick owner Frank Pendergast, Mitch Melder of Melder Properties LLC, and Frank and Joann Chambers with Wilkinson County Bank.

The first statue to be revealed is sponsored by SGA.
"We are planning on hold-

ing a Bobcat statue unveiling ceremony on Monday, Feb. 14 at 2:30 p.m.," said SGA press secretary Meg Harth.

The statues were first announced last spring with the original debut date being pushed back to the first week of

November, but they have yet to

"It has taken longer to get them painted and get the materials to paint them," Amason

Georgia College's Department of Art, including Department Chair Bill Fisher, has been hard at work getting the statues ready.

"We are applying surface treatment to them," said. "I'm working on one with green mosaic tile from top to bottom.

Rebecca Ezell, a graduate student in art education, was volunteered by her teacher in class to work on the statues.

"Bill Fisher came into our class asking for help, and my teacher asked me to help paint, Ezell said. "I helped paint the one that displays the Front Campus architecture. I plan on going back again to help do more detailing on the statue."

The statues were created by the company Cowpainters, but the supplies and labor needed to decorate the statues were provided by the Department of

The Bobcat statues are made of fiberglass and measure a height of 30 inches high and 50 inches in length.

Office of University Ad-

vancement played a big role in making Wilkinson County Bank's Chairman Frank Chambers' idea of the statues turn into a reality.

The statues have gotten a great deal of support not only from those on campus but from the outside community.

The individual designs for the Bobcat statues were chosen through a community-wide contest run by the university.

The Bobcat statues are now being held in the garage behind the Museum of Fine Arts while the artwork is completed. Once finished, the statues will be placed on Front Campus, West Campus and the Centennial Center.

"The SGA statue will sit outside the den," Harth said. The statues' presence on

campus are to symbolize school pride and the ties Georgia College has to the rest of the Milledgeville community.

Julia Allen, a senior painting major, also helped paint the statues and agrees with the symbolism.

"I just came to do what I could for Georgia College and to come represent my school well," Allen said. "Students and faculty are putting in a great deal of time on these statues."

Debt forces Reynolds to sell assets

Bobbi Otis STAFF REPORTER

Reynolds Plantation, located in Greene County, is selling off assets to extend its future line of credit and to paydown \$45 million of debt to the banks that lend to Linger Longer Development Company.

In a letter that was sent out to residents of the communities Chairman Mercer Reynolds wrote, "Historically, acquiring land in the Lake Oconee area to ensure that Reynolds Plantation continued to grow has been a reliable business strategy. However, with this downturn, we found ourselves in the position of having acquired more real estate, and debt, for Reynolds Plantation than is supported by recent demand.

This downturn has resulted in the need to sell assets and amenities at the Planta-

On the chopping block are the Plantation's assets and amenities, which include: golf courses, clubhouses, maintenance facilities, marinas facilities, the Lake Club, the Jackson House, the Nature & Heritage Center, Administration Building, Central Services Building and furniture, fixtures and equipment related to such facilities.

The cost of construction for these amenities was totaled at approximately \$136

The purchaser of these assets is still undecided. In the letter that was distributed, Reynolds lists three options for the sale.

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Sexual assault accusation surfaces

the scene due to proximity.

ting there and stopping the

subject from leaving, which

if we wouldn't have gotten

there, I have no doubt he

would have been gone by

the time the city got there,'

"Our part in it was get-

KATELYN HEBERT SENIOR REPORTER

A Georgia Military College freshman is behind bars, as of Feb. 9, at the Baldwin County Jail after the Milledgeville Police Department charged him with sexual battery involving a 21-year-old female Georgia College student Sunday, Feb. 6.

Jamal Tyler, a GMC running back, went downtown with the female prior to the incident, said Capt. Dray Swicord, MPD chief of de-

"I think they visited several different places, and actually met the suspect at another place," Swicord said. 'From our understanding, the suspect and the victim were not really acquaintances, (they met) through the friend.

At approximately 3:30 a.m. Sunday, MPD was dispatched to College Station Apartments in response to a sexual assault incident.

Public Safety's Sgt. Nick Reonas and Officer Gary Purvis were first to arrive on

The chain of events

Tyler and the victim went back to her apartment

Tyler and the victim A sexual assault was

Public Safety arrived on the scene and

detained Tyler

Reonas said. "I was really

happy with our response. I

was happy that were were

able to stop the subject be-

Once they arrived, they

saw a person matching the

description of the suspect

fore he got away.

Tyler was charged

Tyler is currently being

held in the Baldwin County Jail

running down the stairs from the apartment in question. They detained Tyler

and attempted to take him

into custody.

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Herty updates in final stages

Construction set to be complete in mid-February

Вовы Отіѕ STAFF REPORTER

Herty Hall's original construction will tentatively be completed by mid-February with the project coming in \$900,000 under projected budget costs. Original construction costs totaled \$3.4 mil-

lion and with the final costs coming in below that figure, additional items can be added to enhance Herty Hall further than expected. This job came in and we had this extra mon-

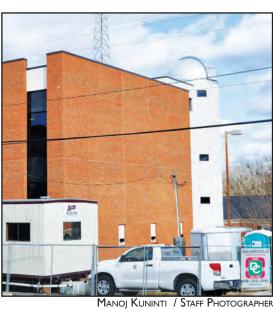
ey and we all got together and put together a list of scope additions so we are just checking them off as the money comes available," said project manager at Plant Operations Donnie Beasley. "Scope is the definition of what you want the

project to turn out to be," said Rick Ruark, associate director for planning, construction and business services for Plant Operations. "Scope is the bare minimum of the original project and additional scope is what you add.

The additional scope items for the Herty Hall project will include three major things.

The green house will be placed on the roof, where a space already exists. The interior of the observatory will be finished with flooring, sheetrock and more shelves. A new boiler will also be purchased and installed for the building. The current boiler is 30-years-old and is in need of an update.

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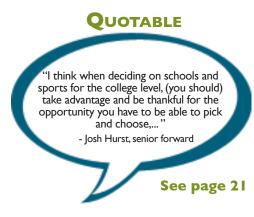


Original construction of Herty Hall is scheduled to be completed by the mid-February. Additional scope items from contingency money will be added after this date.

NEWS FLASH

New endowment helps Department of English and Rhetoric

Lynda Banks has created the William Wright Banks Sr. Endowment for English at Georgia College to honor her late husband. The endowment will help fund faculty development, publications and department promotional activities. Wright serves on the Georgia College Foundation Board of Trustees.



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The number of teams registered for intramural sports teams this semester. See page 23 for more.

Who's who at Georgia College?

A peek into the lives of people on campus we should know, but rarely do

Alice Loper of Student Health Services:



Loper

Alice Loper is the director for Georgia College's Student Health Services. Loper taught in the nursing program for almost 16 years and in 1995 she started working for the clinic. As the clinic became busier, she decided to put teaching on hold and began to work there full-time starting in 2007. "I've really enjoyed being at Georgia College (and) I'm proud of the Nursing Program, it's very competitive," Loper said.

What you need to know about Student Health Services:

- Clinic hours: Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The clinic is closed on weekends
- Along with other nurse practitioners, Georgia College also has an in-house medical consultant and pharmacist
- Services include: unlimited visits, minor injury treatment and various testing services

See the Student Health Services website for a full list of services and treatments available

Information compiled by: Victoria Garofalo

New Millegeville Kroger now under construction

KEVIN HALL STAFF WRITER

This Fall, students will have a new place to do their grocery shopping, with the addition of a new Kroger located north of Wal-Mart on highway 441.

The target opening date for this new Kroger, which will replace the current one in Milledgeville, is October of this year. The new Kroger will be the largest one in the state according to store manager David Sheppard.

The new Kroger will not only be the largest in the state, but it will also contain the largest fuel center with 17 pumps. They will also offer a Starbucks coffee shop in the store along with a sit down restaurant and a full salad bar.

In addition to the new variety of groceries, the store will also offer new jobs for Milled-

"We are going to hire be-tween 140 and 150 more people, and the application for employment is all on the online," Sheppard said. "The county also received a \$200,000 grant from the state because we are going to hire at least 40 people straight off of unemployment."

The money was awarded as a part of One Georgia Authority's Equity Fund, which assists rural communities to help establish groundwork for economic development.

The construction of the \$17 million store, as well as, the new employees for the store is expected to help stimulate the local economy.

"The local Chamber of Commerce told me that this was a big deal for the community because of Milledgeville having such a high unemployment rate," Sheppard said. "Right now we are adding jobs when most places are shutting down.'

One complaint Sheppard received from many college students from the Atlanta area was the size of the current store.

"When we opened this store, we just moved into an old Bi-Lo," Sheppard said. "This new store will be able to fit four of the current one inside of it."

He believes that the size as well as other factors will appeal to college students.

We are going to have the best variety, prices and people in town," Sheppard said. "We don't want you to just be sat-

isfied when you shop with us We want you to be highly satis-

However, the distance from

campus is one complaint heard from students. "I don't want to have to drive

that far," said junior nursing major Michelle Mitchell. "Wal-Mart is closer, and there is already a Starbucks in town."

Others are excited about the new options they are going to have for their groceries.

'We have a lot of old abandoned buildings and empty lots and that's one concern, but a new Kroger would be wonderful and being able to use my Kroger card for gas would defi-nitely be a plus," said sopho-more athletic training major Samantha McGrath.

Some even think the prospect of employment is the best benefit from the new store.

'Well for one I will probably apply for a job there, but since it isn't too far, I will probably start shopping there too," said senior mass communication major Cas Nowicki.

The land has been cleared and new traffic lights have been constructed. The construction of the building will start soon.

Georgia College encourages safe sex

1,000 condoms donated to university for being named Condom Safesite

Bobbi Otis STAFF REPORTER

Georgia College has been classified as a condom SafeSite by The Great American Condom Campaign, sponsored by the Advocates for Youth Foundation and Trojan Brand

The GACC's goal is to make the United States sexually healthy. Members of the GACC give out 1 million Trojan condoms on college campuses throughout the year and now Georgia College is doing its part to help with the program's goal by being categorized as a SafeSite.

Gaining the distinction as a SafeSite means that Georgia College is now a condom distribution point. Charlotte Petonic, graduate student with Student Health Services, beat out competition when she applied for the award in the Fall. Petonic was one of 100 winners chosen out of a pool of 2,300.

Georgia College has many responsibilities as a condom distribution site. Along with passing out condoms, Georgia College is responsible for educating peers and promoting condom use on campus.

Five-hundred Trojan condoms were given to Georgia College last semester with 500 more arriving before Valentine's Day.

Condom distribution this semester kicked off with an event on Feb. 2.

Petonic along with other members of Peers Advocating Wellness Successfully gave out condoms by Arts & Sciences Fountain. The theme was "The Super Bowl of Bowl" to tie in with the upcoming Super Bowl

P.A.W.S. members wore referees shirts and had whistles around their necks to stay in accordance with the

At the event, P.A.W.S. members described why they think this is worthwhile endeavor.

"It's college, people are going to have sex, so it's a good opportunity to provide way to do that safely." said senior biology major Kirsten Canal.

Though members of P.A.W.S. are interested in giving out condoms to help prevent unsafe sex, students around the event shied away from the tent when they discovered what the free items were that day.

Students approached the tent at the fountain thinking that the free items were candy. When they found out the bags included condoms they walked away empty handed. A student even went as far as to hand back a bag with condoms in it to P.A.W.S. members. Less than 10 students stopped by the tent in an hour.

Some students were supportive of the event to raise awareness and support of condom use on campus.

"I think it's a really good event because awareness is important," said senior business management major Tanner Forehand.

Embarrassment may be the cause for the lack of traffic at the event, but soon Health Services may be the only place to obtain condoms in the GACC every year Milledgeville without having to ask

Stores in the community are now locking up their condoms behind counters. Stores, such as Walmart and CVS, have put condoms behind their counters to slow down on theft.

Petonic disagrees with this prac- Condoms given to tice. She believes that this equates Georgia College this things that are considered undesirable academic year in our society.

Condoms may still be purchased without asking a cashier for them at Walgreens, K-Mart and Kroger.

Health Services also offers free condoms to students in the lobby. Another condom distribution event can be expected around Valentine's Day and Spring Break.

By The **Numbers**

million

Condoms given out by on college campuses

1,000

Number of colleges and universities that are condom SafeSites

caught

Doormat

thieves

The students that stole doormats from University Housing have been caught and turned over to the student judicial board.

On Dec. 6, between 10 and 12, doormats were stolen from various buildings at The Village at West Campus according to police reports and University Housing. However, according to University Housing, not all of them were actually stolen.

The Housing staff took up a few of them because some residents were using them to prop doors open which just wasn't safe," said Sgt. Michael Baker, the lead detective on the case. "The others were actually stolen by various residents before they left before the break.'

Property crimes are the number one problem on campus according to Sgt. Baker.

Luckily this wasn't a felonious item that was stolen and didn't cost more than \$500," Baker said.

According to University Housing, they do their best to keep things like this from continuing to happen. The value of each

individual doormat was \$150.00. 'Any kind of theft or vandalism to our buildings is taken seriously," said Cindy McClanahan, interim associate director of student development and marketing coor-

dinator for University Housing. Student employees do what they can to

help the staff keep everything in order. "As a community assistant we can only do so much," said senior rhetoric major Meredith Nelson, a community advisor in Adams Hall. "When on duty we go on rounds through our halls at 6, 8, 10 and 12 p.m. If anything is damaged or missing, we report it, but other than that we can't stay up all night in order to prevent

Public Safety has a routine as well to help prevent petty crimes including theft.

We try to do foot patrols as much as we can, but our presence is the biggest deterrent from things like this continuing to happen," Baker said. "Really the presence of anyone is a large deterrent. No one wants to steal something while someone else is watching.'

University Housing feels most students are not causing any harm.

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Global Symposium raises awareness

Seminar informs community, university about 'Putting a Face on Poverty'

Amanda Boddy SENIOR REPORTER

A three-day global citizenship symposium took place on campus from Feb. 7 to Feb 9. The International Education Center, the American Democracy Project, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Student Affairs, the Student Government Association, and the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity collaborated with campus groups to organize the

The theme for this year's symposium was Putting a Face on Poverty with all speakers, events and panels focusing on the root causes of and solutions to global and local poverty.

The symposium was kicked off on Monday with a musical performance as well as a panel discussion and keynote address by New York Times columnist and author of "India Calling: an Intimate Portrait of a Nation's Rebuilding,' Anand Giridharadas. Giridharadas spoke to the crowd Monday night about his book and what he feels are some of the ways global poverty in affecting people-specifically in India. He drew on his experiences growing up in Cleveland, Oh., and moving to India to write about life, culture, politics and poverty in the country his parents had

"Exposure to the world is the new Master's degree," Giridaradas said.Giridaradas feels that Americans need to be shapers of the world and encouraging the crowd to travel and collect global experience and knowledge.

Tuesday's events consisted of panel discussions with Georgia College faculty such as history professor William Risch and sociology professor Stephanie Mc-Clure as well professionals

including Rick Perera who served as a press officer for C.A.R.E. Tuesday's keynote speaker was Jeremy Enriquez who serves as a consultant for development issues in Belize. Attendants to Tuesday evening's events viewed a performance of "In the Blood" and "Good Fortune," a documentary exposing the problems involved with sending inter

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New GIVE Center program supports childhood literacy

Brina Potvin STAFF WRITER

Homecoming week at Georgia College has always been an event to remember. This year's Homecoming will be no different. Between unveiling the Bobcat Statues, softball, base-ball, basketball games and a live concert featuring B.o.B, it will be a busy week for Georgia College. However, with dozens of things going on throughout the week, Georgia College is still finding a way to give back to the community. On Feb. 15, The GIVE Cen-

ter will be putting on Paws for a Cause. There will be white paw prints painted in Tailgate Alley in the Centennial Center parking lot. They will be selling the paw prints to individuals or student organizations to decorate however they choose. The paw prints will be on

sale for \$36, and all proceeds

go to benefit the Ferst Founda-

tion for Childhood Literacy.

The foundation's mission is to

"provide books for local com-

munities to prepare all Georgia preschool children for reading and learning success." The foundation mails a new book to the child's home each month, up until age five and serves 78 counties in Georgia. The results of programs like these have proven to be very

successful. According to the foundation's website, in order to directly measure the impact of book distribution of the Îmagination Library, A Dollywood Foundation program that inspired the Ferst Foundation,

the Dollywood Foundation organized a study. The results were published in November of 2003 and reported "85% of the total sample reported reading with their child almost every day or more." The GIVE Center will pro-

vide green, blue, and white paint, but any other color will have to be provided by the buyer of the paw print. Many student organizations are planning on buying the paw print to promote their group.

According to SGA president

Zach Mullins, SGA will most likely paint their paw print green with their logo. SGA has been very involved with this cause by promoting and mar-keting Paws for a Cause on the Homecoming website.

"I'm very excited about this particular project because aside from helping children in need and children literacy, it also enables student organizations and individuals to purchase a section of the school and claim it as their own," Mullins said.

According to Kenneth Mor-

ris, marketing graduate assistant working for The GIVE Center, there will also be a contest to judge the best-decorated paw print. The winner will get

a prize, which has not yet been announced. "I'm excited about (the event.) The \$36 goes to spon-

sor a child. They get a book a month for a year. I think that is great," Morris said. The event beings at 1 p.m.

on Centennial Drive, and judging begins at 5 p.m.

Learning Center promotes new hours

Jessica Ramirez STAFF WRITER

The Learning Center located in A&S 256 is now open Fridays from 10a.m. to 2p.m. and Sundays from 1p.m. to 5p.m. and starting Feb. 13, it will stay open until 10 p.m. on Sundays.

"Every semester, since I've been here, the Learning Center has been growing and growing so we've seen more student visits every successive semester," Coordinator of the Learning Center, Lori Robinson said. "And I have always tried to hire enough people in order to cover the continuing but the amount of money really never followed that."

Within the past two and a half years, Robinson has written for grant money. With this additional money, the Learning Center has been able to hire more tutors in order to support all students who come to the center.

"This past semester we received an additional grant and some additional funds from the Provost and those funds are really to expand the Learning Center to provide more tutors and to provide more hours,' Robinson said.

It has been proven in the Learning Center's research that when stu-

dents come to the center and work with a tutor consistently, they do better in classes, according to Rob-

"One of the large missions of the university is to support students in their success and to increase retention. So we want students to feel like this is a place where they want to start their academic career and they want to finish their academic career here," Robinson said. "These types of supportive services tie in with the university's mission.'

For the last three years, the coordinator of the Learning center has applied for STEM grants. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Every year the Learning Center has received that money.

Expanding the hours on Fridays and Sundays was really the result of having so many more students come to the Learning Center and finally having the money in order to extend those hours," Robinson

Math modeling, pre-calculus, calculus 1, probability and statistics, and physics are some of the subjects offered during days because these are highly demand

Over the last couple of semesters



Connor Johnson/ Staff Photographer From left, sophomore marketing major Thomas Freeman and sophomore early child education major Brittany Cahill study statistics in the Learning Center. The Learning Center is now open Fridays and Sundays for convenience.

more and more students are saying that they will be staying in school on Fridays because they have Friday morning classes and that led to opening on Fridays. Opening on Sunday evenings came up out

of consideration for commuting

students who have a job or live

in Macon and need support. Also, other students who go home for the weekend, come back Sundays and are ready to get back to their studies on Sunday evenings, Robinson

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These additions will be paid for with the money that was left over from the budget as well as with the remaining contingency money, which will be released in full when construction is complete.

"Contingency (money) is for unforeseen conditions or delays," Ruark said. "Delays are a big part of this project because when they started the project, the rain started, and so that set the project behind right at the

very start. So contingency pays for those costs. You always have a contingency on the project because it is a known fact that something is going to come up and most of the time you don't have to use it and you save it until the end."

Ten percent of construction costs were held for contingency for the Herty Hall project.

Ninety-five percent of the Herty Hall construction project is completed and crews are working on the finishing touches.

'They are painting and putting in flooring now. Ceiling tiles next week,"

Beasley said.

After initial construction is finalized, the extra items will be started on immediately. These additions will push back the completion of Herty Hall from mid-May to June.

The process for obtaining money for the project takes an abundance of paperwork and time.

To become eligible for funds from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, Georgia College is first responsible for creating a master plan for the year.

"The president and the master plan committee will

get together and develop long term strategies for the university," Ruark said. "Things they would like to renovate. Things they would like to build and any purchases they would like to make. Everything is in-

cluded in the master plan." The master plan is sent to the Board of Regents and they decide to accept or reject the proposed plans. If the plan is approved, initial sketches and pricing is done and this information is sent to staff at the BOR.

The staff members will present the information to the BOR and then the BOR will prioritize the order of requests made by all of the institutions. This list is presented to the Georgia Legislature and they decide how much money to allocate to capital projects for the year. When the amount is agreed upon, the GSFIC will sell bonds to pay for the projects.

"We reduced the original scope of Herty to make it a minor capital. The minor capital position tends to get the money a lot quicker than a major capital project," Ruark said.

Even so, the current Herty's Hall construction had to wait four years to get approval.

SGA tables resolution on Joiner

Rebecca Burns SENIOR REPORTER

An attempt by the Student Government Association to formally express student discontent over City Councilman Phillip Joiner continuing to serve in his elected office has

fizzled out silently over the past two weeks.

On Jan. 26, during the SGA meeting, SGA Senator Jay Parker introduced a resolution addressing Mayor Richard Bentley and requesting that Joiner be "strongly considered for removal from his office as City Councilman." The five-page resolution used Joiner's violation of his probation and repeated misuse of alcohol, insufficient representation of college students, and his disregard of Georgia College's stance on responsible and safe alcohol consumption practices to support its argument for the removal of Joiner.

1) Application for a recall petition -Must contain either the signatures of 100 sponsors or a number of sponsors equal to 10 percent of the number of

3 step process

of removing a

public official

2) Recall Petition -The recall petition requires signatures equal to 30 percent of the active voters

3) Recall Election -The election superintendent of the municipality calls for the recall election

Parker, who worked on Joiner's campaign, was motivated by the conviction that Joiner is not accurately representing the Georgia College's student body, especially considering over half of his votes were college students as Joiner himself admitted in an interview with The Colonnade in 2009.

We as the student community helped put Phillip in office and in doing such we

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Evan Karanovich





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Scrubby Bear begins on campus

Vanessa Whited Staff Writer

After a three-year hiatus at Georgia College, the Scrubby Bear program is up and running again. Scrubby Bear at Georgia College is the only university-run chapter of the national campaign developed by the American Red Cross.

The Scrubby Bear program aims to teach children ages 4 to 7 years old how germs are spread, how to prevent the spread of disease and how to properly wash their hands.

"It's amazing how many people do not know how to wash their hands properly," said Will Long, senior community health major and president of Scrubby Bear at Georgia College.

Starting this semester, volunteers for the university's Scrubby Bear chapter will visit local Baldwin County pre-K to third grade classes to do a set program about germs and hand washing, in addition to having monthly to bi-monthly events on and off campus.

Student volunteers can expect to earn service hours while teaching children the importance of good hand washing habits in preventing diseases such as infectious diarrhea, hepatitis A and colds.

"It's an opportunity to work with kids and the community in a specific health area," Long said.

He encourages students to volunteer and is confident that if they do so, the program will prosper and inspire other college campuses to adopt the program as well.

"I saw the program as a good way to work with kids and help them learn about germs and how to avoid getting sick from them," said sophomore pre-early education major Candace Cown who began volunteering for Scrubby Bear this semester.

Cown said she has seen a positive reac-



Submitted by TimVacula Leah Glazier, senior community health major and Scrubby Bear volunteer, teams up with Scrubby the Bear at a Georgia College basketball game to educate children about the dangers of germs and the

tion from both kids and their parents, who enjoy the service Georgia College is offering them, free of charge.

importance of proper hand washing.

The campaign's message is enforced by Scrubby the Bear, whose motto is "Don't get sick, wash up quick!" Scrubby the Bear is the organization's personal mascot, and Georgia College's chapter received its own Scrubby the Bear costume through donation. In addition, Walgreen's sponsors Scrubby Bear at Georgia College and donated approximately 2,500 bottles of hand sanitizer to the organization. All other funding is donated as well.

Scrubby Bear volunteers have gotten off to a promising start, hosting various events on and off campus including a Germ Elimination Day at the Milledgeville Mall, a black-light germ demonstration at the Deep Roots Festival and an appearance by Scrubby the Bear at Georgia College's basketball game against Armstrong Atlantic. Scrubby Bear Germ Elimination Officers and volunteers will host another official event, Strike Out Germs with Scrubby Bear, on Saturday, Feb. 26 during the Georgia College baseball game.

Doormats Some st the theft was

"Ninety-nine percent of students are doing what they are supposed to do," McClanahan said. "They report things when they happen and that really

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Some students don't think the theft was a large concern.

"I don't think that stealing rugs is a major offense, and it shouldn't be treated as one," said freshman early childhood education major Samantha Profit. "However since the rugs are the property of the school, the people responsible for taking them should either return the

rugs or be financially responsible for replacing them."

Other students agree about the severity of theft but still think more should be done.

"I think that the school should make it known that stealing any sort of property is not only illegal but shows a lack of respect to the college," said senior rhetoric major, Kaytie Bird. "If any students are caught with them then I think any punishment would be seen as over the top. Therefore, the students should just be made to give back the mats and write a letter of apology to the school. However, if the incident was to happen again then a stricter course of action could take place."

Students dance to raise money for charity

Submitted by Victoria Cannon

This year Dance Marathon at Georgia College will increase their goal of 25 percent by extending their hours, raising their monetary goal, changing the theme, and attracting more dancers.

Dance Marathon allows students to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. The program brings numerous students from the Georgia College community together to put their dancing shoes on.

This year, several changes have been made.

The Dance Marathon Executive Board has decided to move the marathon from 8 hours back to 12 hours and have also raised their monetary goal.

With the new theme, "Hit the Jackpot for the Kids," the director of Dance Marathon, Belinda Dennis, along with the other members of the executive board, plan on making this year a success.

"My goals for this year's (Dance Marathon) are to make it the best one yet," Dennis said. "By this I mean increasing awareness, recruiting participants who truly have a desire to be a part of (Dance Marathon)."

One focus of this year's event, according to Dennis, is to get more male participants and more students not affiliated with the Greek community on

the dance floor.

"If guys want to care and show it, this is something where they can come and give back to someone who needs it and wants it," said past participant Colby Brown. "These kids, little girls and boys, need someone with which they can play, hang out, hug, talk,

and be around."

Junior Amanda Knight is a three-year participant who is ready for another year.

"I'm excited to see what the exec committee does to decorate Magnolia Ballroom and I'm excited to see the songs they use for the (music) mix," Knight said.

Every year Dance Marathon grows and expands because the executive board and participants work hard to meet their goals. Dance Marathon's success can also be attributed to the loyalty of long-time participants like Belinda Dennis who is now the organization's director.

"I continue to stick with (Dance Marathon) because of the far-reaching impact we make as a whole," Dennis said.

From fundraisers to kick-offs, the Dance Marathon executive board is excited to show the families, participants, and community what they have in store for them on March 5. Students may pick up and drop off applications at The GIVE Center.

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helps.'

national aid to Africa.

Wednesday marked the end of the symposium, welcoming Derreck Kayongo, an advocacy field coordinator from C.A.R.E., who spoke about his experience as a Ugandan refugee in Kenya and the importance of American advocacy on behalf of developing communities. Kayongo urged the crowd to use their skills to change the realities of global poverty and to understand the effects of their choices on the global south.

Gregg Kaufman, coordinator of Civic Engagement Projects and the American Democracy Project, has been meeting with organizers every other week to arrange speakers, events and the schedule for the symposium.

"We have spent about a year working on it—we started just after the symposium last year," Kaufman said. "It was a very collaborative process—very grassroots."

Kaufman explains that the theme was chosen to illuminate the realities of poverty on a global skill that includes central Georgia.

"There are a number of Georgia College community partnerships here that receive funding from federal, state and private projects addressing root causes of poverty," Kaufman said.

Senior Spanish major Meredith Carpenter is one of more than 1,000 students who attended the symposium events.

"I think the symposium gave me a better worldview and helped me understand what our role is coming out of college as global citizens. I feel like I learned a lot about issues in the world that we might think don't affect us even though they actually do," Carpenter said.

Kaufman has already begun working with campus organizations to work on next year's symposium which will focus on global health.

By The Numbers

3

Days long

33

Speakers

18

Student facilitators

1,175

Audience members prior to the final event Wednesday

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would expect that he would be a representative of who we are and what our student community stands for and he has not done that," Parker said. "So I personally think it's a bit of a slap in the face for him to say he wants to be our voice and our representation and then be so patently against what we do and what we stand for to have these repeated alcohol violations."

According to SGA President Zach Mullins after the resolution was read it was automatically tabled until the next week because of more pressing matters, but was discussed outside of SGA Senate.

"We met outside of Senate and talked a little bit more about the particular issue at hand and we decided that (Parker) wanted to bring this up in a different manner he might get a more positive reaction of what he is looking to accomplish if he were to approach City Council and such on an individual level instead of having SGA take a particular stance on it," Mullins said

The resolution, however, is technically still on the table and is still on the Senate's agenda although it may never be recognized. On Feb. 2 during the SGA meeting Parker announced that a "different approach in terms of student voice and student opinion, an approach that's a little more personal" would be taken on the issue. He has also recognized that the mayor does not have the power to remove any city council member.

According to Municipal Elections Superintendent, Patti Rushin, for a city council member to be officially recalled a three-step process must be

followed: application for a recall petition, completion of the recall petition, and a recall election. An application must contain either the signatures of 100 sponsors or a number of sponsors equal to 10 percent of the number of voters who were registered to vote during the last election and be submitted for verification within 15 days after issuance. The application is then reviewed by the municipal elections superintendent and if found to be sufficient, a recall petition is issued. The recall petition requires signatures equal to 30 percent of the active voters registered and eligible to vote at the last preceding election for the office of the person being recalled.

There are no recorded applications for a recall petition of a city council member this year.

Another concern for any formal stance is the relationship between SGA and the city.

"Student government has spent several years to build good strong relations with the city government, not that we work together a lot," Parker said. "But if we do ever cross paths, we want there to always be good rapport between what the students are doing and the city is doing. I think what we want to be careful of is that in stepping up and saying something we don't somehow offend or belittle or demean anybody at the city level."

For now at least SGA is following the lead of the mayor.

"SGA is trusting the mayor to make the right decisions and is not wiling to take a stance in this particular issue," Mullins said. "We support Councilman's Joiner's efforts to go into a rehabilitation program and we also hope he will make the right decisions for the good of the community as well as himself."

Learning Center Continued from page 3...

Sophomore accounting major Akwai Agoons has been working as a tutor in the Learning Center since Fall 2010. Agoons helps students with pre-calculus, probability and statistics, business statistics, accounting one and accounting two. She will be working on Sundays. Agoons hopes to see more students during the weekends as the semester progresses. Agoons said the Learning Center is giving students the opportunity to get help on Sundays for Monday classes and that students like the idea.

"Students have classes on Fridays, but then they couldn't come in here to get help because we were not open and we thought it would be a good idea if we actually open on Fridays to help students more," Agoons said.

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Sophomore special education major, Allison Tidwell is happy about the weekend

hours.
"I think it's great because
I always study on the weekends rather that the week-

days," Tidwell said.

The Learning Center will be open all upcoming Fridays and Sundays in the semester, except the Sunday before and after Spring Break.

"We have already seen more students than what we had anticipated (on Fridays) because we have been talking to so many people who come to the Learning Center," Robinson said.

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"Given the significance of this decision, we have spent a considerable amount of time evaluating a number of purchasers; these include: The Property Owners Association, an independent third party, which has made an offer, and a smaller group of property owners."

Despite the buyer, homeowners have been assured that their quality of service will not be endangered due to the upcoming sale.

Reynolds Plantation has been the employer to many Georgia College students in the past.

Students at Georgia College who are employed at Reynolds take solace in an official statement from CEO of Reyn-

olds Cos. Dan Dupree. "Linger Longer Development Company is in the final stages of a multi-year negotiation to restructure the debt for Reynolds Plantation and its associated properties, not for short-term needs, but for long-term stability. Linger Longer has always been financially sound and upon completion of this negotiation, will be even stronger. We are confident that this will be a positive step for our members, employees and the company as a whole because we are all invested in the same future. Our decisions will be based on what best preserves property values, lifestyle, environment, and the character of Reynolds Plantation and its associated com-

munities," Dupree said. It is not anticipated that the sale of the assets will cause any employee shifts within Reynolds Plantation.

Georgia Collegesenior golfer Billy Shida, who has played on Reynolds Plantation golf courses, is not overly concerned about the sale as long as the golf course remains available.

"But just because they sell Reynolds doesn't mean that the courses are going to vanish. I can't say I'm disappointed because the golf course is still the golf course. I've always enjoyed playing a Reynolds course because of the name and prestige it carries, but ultimately, unless they plan to turn it into residential or commercial real estate, I don't speculate it being much of a change other than at the top," Shida

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"We wrestled with him for a few minutes. He's a football player, so he's a pretty big boy, but he wouldn't comply still, and I ended up getting my taser out and taking the cartridge off," Purvis said. "And he put his hands behind his back, and that's when we hand-

cuffed him. That was our part in it."

MPD arrived on the scene not

long after and booked Tyler.

Among the property collected by MPD was a used condom taken from Tyler.

A sexual assault kit was taken from the victim for processing. However, the assault kits take four

to 12 weeks to receive results.

MPD said the woman may not have been raped, which would be a sexual assault charge. Instead Tyler was charged with sexual battery.

"(Sexual assault/battery calls are) something we respond to sev-

eral times a year, off-campus and on-campus," Reonas said. "We have a couple of reports that happen every year."

Swicord said sexual battery is the more appropriate charge in this case

"So we're saying penetration never occurred," Swicord said. "We always do (a sexual assault kit) for (the victim's) safety, but as far as male DNA being present in the sexual assault kit, we don't think there will be any."

Sexual battery is a high misdemeanor in Georgia, which is punishable by serving one to five years in jail, depending on the suspect's previous history with the law, Swicord said.

Both Tyler and the victim had alcohol in their systems the morning of the incident.

"Alcohol was used on both sides, whether it was abused or not abused," Swicord said. "Obviously you have one person who's not 19 so he obviously can't be drinking, but she's 21 and she can drink if she wants to."

By The Numbers

52

Percent of sexual crimes that occur after midnight

74

Percent of sexual crimes involving alcohol

5

Less than 5 percent of sexual crimes are reported to the authorities

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SAFETY REPORT



TAZE ME THEN'

February 6 at 12:13 a.m. Sgt. Reonas observed a male leaving Parkhurst Hall, who was very unsteady on his feet,

according to Public Safety. He kept tripping and staggering and eventually tripped over a planter and falling face first on the sidewalk. Contact was made with the male at Velvet Elvis. Investigations found that he was 18 years of age and refused to cooperate with Sgt. Reonas's commands. After refusing to obey, Sgt. Reonas attempted to place the male under arrest. He tensed up, stated that he was not going to be arrested and tried to pull away. Officer Purvis arrived on scene and he still would not cooperate. He was then taken to the ground, but he put his arms under him and resisted to be cuffed. The male was warned that he was going to be tazered if he did not comply. The male replied "Taze me then" and attempted to kick and punch at the officers. It took three shocks from the tazer (with the cartridge removed) before the male would comply. Once in the patrol vehicle, he refused to exit the vehicle at Milledgeville Police Department, so Sgt. Reonas along with jail personnel had to physically remove him. He was charged with underage possession of alcohol and obstruction of an officer. A use of force report was also completed.

DEBIT CARD DEBACLE

February 5 at 5:07 p.m. A female reported that unknown person(s) made over \$130.00 worth of purchases on her debit card, according to Public Safety. All the purchases were made in store in the Atlanta area. The female had the debit card in her possession. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

GUTTER PUNCH

February 4 at 12:35 a.m. Officer Smith was dispatched to The Village, Building 5 in reference to a male punching a gutter off the side of the building, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with the male, who had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and admitted to punching the gutter. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol and

TUNNEL TROUBLE

February 4 at 2:09 a.m. Officer Ransom observed a large group of individuals in the tunnel between Wayne Street and City Hall, according to Public Safety. The group was extremely loud and appeared to possibly be starting an altercation. When Officer Ransom attempted to make contact with the group, approximately five individuals left the tunnel. Contact was made with the individuals remaining in the tunnel and they were given a verbal warning in reference to the noise level and advised to go home. Contact was then made with the group that left the scene. It was determined that they all were under the influence of alcohol, had alcohol coming from their persons, glassy and bloodshot eyes and under the age of 21. Five individuals were uncooperative and refused to answer questions and refused to be tested on the breathalyzer. All subjects, except for one male were arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

ID TAMPERING

February 4 at 2:09 a.m. Officer Ransom was preparing his paperwork for the previous case (see above, number five) and found that an ID belonging to a male, who had been released from the scene with a verbal warning in the previous case, was altered, according to Public Safety. At 5:30 a.m., Officer Ransom observed the male walking in the area of Montgomery and Clarke Street and made contact with him. He refused to show his license even after being requested to do so several times. When Officer Ransom attempted to place him under arrest, He resisted, until a Baldwin County Deputy arrived on scene. The male was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with underage possession of alcohol, obstruction of an officer and giving false name and date of birth.

COMPUTER CRASH

February 4 at 9:14 a.m. A male reported that unknown person(s) entered room 308 Porter Hall and caused damage to a computer monitor, according to Public Safety. It appears that the monitor was hit in the middle of the screen causing it to be unreadable. The case has been turned over to

SEXUAL ASSAULT

February 6 at 3:37 a.m. Officer Purvis and Sgt. Reonas overheard a call to Milledgeville Police Department in reference to a sexual assault at College Station Apartments, according to Public Safety. While running up the stairs, the officers observed a male matching the description of the suspect running hurriedly down the stairs. Officer Purvis stayed with the male while Sgt. Reonas made contact with the victim. When it was determined that the male was indeed the suspect, Officer Purvis attempted to place cuffs on him and he resisted. Milledgeville Police Department officers arrived on scene and he still refused to obey the officers commands. The male was advised he would be tazed if he didn't comply with the officers commands, so he was tazed in the upper thigh with the cartridge removed. He then placed his hands behind his back, was arrested and turned over to Milledgeville PD. A use of force report was then completed.

By The Numbers

Accounts of unauthorized debit card and credit card activity

Incidents involving tasing

BACKPACK BURGULARY

February 3 at 12:24 p.m. A male reported that while his vehicle was parked at the Exchange Bank parking lot, unknown person(s) entered his vehicle a stole his backpack, according to Public Safety. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

STEALING SNACKS

February 8 at 7:24 a.m. A female reported that a vending machine had been damaged in Bell Hall, according to Public Safety. About \$40 worth of snacks had been taken from the machine. Pictures were taken and the case turned over to Investigations.

Investigations. Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, February 11

5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats v. USC Aiken (Centennial Center) 7:30 p.m. Valentine's Day Rendezvous: Max Noah Singers (First Presbyterian Church)

Monday, February 14

2:30 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Unveiling of the Bobcat Statue (in front of the Student Activities Center) 5 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Parade application due

Tuesday, February 15

2 p.m.

5 p.m.

HOMECOMING Office Decoration Competition 10 a.m.

Judging

HOMECOMING Paws for a Cause (Centennial Drive) 1 p.m.

HOMECOMING Judging Paws for a Cause 5 p.m. (Centennial Drive)

HOMECOMING Softball vs. Young Harris

Doubleheader (West Campus)

HOMECOMING Residence Student Association Hall Spirit Board Contest

5:30 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Dinner in Centennial Parking Lot 7 p.m.

Lecture on "Winston Churchill and War" by British scholar Dr. Roland Quinault (Arts & Sciences 275)

Wednesday, February 16

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Blue & Green Trivia Bowl

(Magnolia Ballroom)

12:30 p.m. Student Government Association Senate (Student Activities Center: Dogwood)

Times Talk (Beeson Hall Lower Level)

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. 12 Step Support Group meetings (Arts & Sciences 215)

Thursday, February 1*7*

HOMECOMING Concert featuring B.o.B, Stokeswood, 8 p.m.

and Playboy Tre (Centennial Center)

Friday, February 18

HOMECOMING Baseball vs. Pfeiffer 3 p.m.

(John Kurtz Field at West Campus)

HOMECOMING CAB: Golden Slipper Murder Mystery 8 p.m.

(Arts & Sciences Auditorium)

Saturday, February 19

10 a.m.

5 p.m.

8:30 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Bobcat Ramble Fun Run

(Centennial Center)

HOMECOMING Bobcat Ramble 5K 9 a.m.

(Centennial Center)

HOMECOMING Tent City Tailgating 11 a.m. (Centennial Center)

HOMECOMING Parade Lineup (Tatnall Street)

HOMECOMING Baseball Doubleheader vs. Pfeiffer 1 p.m.

> (Kurtz Field at West Campus) **HOMECOMING** Lady Bobcats vs. Columbus State

3 p.m. (Centennial Center)

HOMECOMING Georgia College vs. Columbus State (Centennial Center)

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You're stupid Cupid



Steve Holbert

Dear Cupid,

You scare me. Most people my age look forward to a small, half-naked man zipping through the air and stabbing strangers, but I question your morals. I wrote this letter in hopes you could answer some of my burning questions and convert me into one of your cultish followers.

First, would you please tell me how you got your job? Was there an ad in the Athenian paper for an immortal archer, or are you some sort of winged vigilante? I hope you applied and the gods, whom I'm told stepped down from office years ago with the discovery of Christianity and Microsoft, went through an extensive background search before finding you suitable. However, if you could please e-mail me your credentials because I can't help but feel you're not qualified for your job. Over half the marriages in American end in divorce. Perhaps, if you had some background in psychology, sociology or common sense, you wouldn't force complete opposites to fall in love when it only ends in scarred children, failed marriages, or drug addic-

Next, I would like an explanation for the diaper. You've been alive for thousands of years. You should be potty trained by now or at least

invest in some type of onesie to hide your horrible secret. They make diapers for adults that are virtually invisible and are both comfortable and absorbent—so I'm told. Perhaps the addition of pants could lead you to a new wardrobe. which will help you relate to the modern world. You could wear red exercise gear and carry a gun loaded with love caps to bust into the bums of hopeful singles. It's fail safe. At least until you walk into gang territory, but you've been shooting for years.

While we're talking about shooting, could you possibly stop? It seems rude and unnecessarily suggestive. Also, I am interested in how you sterilize your arrows. Blessing them with a sanitation incantation and lubing them with hand sanitizer does not meet any health codes. Since you've never struck any of my positional lovers or me, I know little about your craft, but I'd think having an arrow removed from one's body would be very expensive.

Lovers without healthcare could roam for weeks or even years with an arrow protruding from their anus until they've saved enough money to have it removed, which could lead to infection or even death. You could be killing people. Not only are the suicidal singles in danger, but you're also endangering the innocent lovers this holiday season you selfish man-child!

I apologize if this letter seemed a little offensive and belligerent, but I'm a very lonely man. Perhaps if you can remedy that, all the above faults can be overlooked. I love red heads.

> Comedic as always, Steve Holbert

My first experience with a real firearm



ALEX **S**MITH

This past week my buddy Josh took me to shoot at a gun range in Macon. I had never shot a gun apart from my BB gun I had when I was a kid, and Josh reassured me that it would be a good time, and an adequate stress reliever (not that I get stressed easily). Now, I never really had the urge to shoot a gun, and my only knowledge of them was through "Modern Warfare 2, Black Ops," and other shooting video games, so I decided it was about time to know what a real gun felt like.

As we rode up to Eagle Gun range in Macon, I was unsure of how the place would be. It looked like a large tin, pre-manufactured building, and I got the impression that there would be a bunch of rebel flags and rednecks inside judging by the large trucks parked outside. I was totally wrong, we walked into a very nice looking storefront with average looking people hanging out, albeit there were guns everywhere, and some of the employees were carrying sidearms, something you might not see the greeters at Walmart doing.

We approached the counter and proceeded to rent a lane. I had to sign some paperwork and got to pick out my gun and my target. First, the gun: I knew what I wanted to rent, the M1911. It was the military's sidearm since 1911 until 1985 when the Baretta M9 replaced it; with all its years of service, it is a truly vetted weapon. My idea was that if its good enough for the U.S. military, then its good enough

for me-and it's the sidearm I use in Black Ops, so I wanted to know how it felt in real life. Second, the target: this was probably the most exciting part to me, since there were over 10 variations to choose from. I chose probably the most ridiculous target they had (a close second was Osama Bin Laden): it looked like a cross between 80's James Hetfield of Metallic (you know, when he had the long hair and the handlebar mustache) and Dog the Bounty Hunter. He was there in his wife-beater tank-top with a revolver in his hand.

We finally got to the lane, I was all loaded up, in my shooting stance with my finger on the trigger ready to fire. I was so nervous to shoot the first shot that I'm surprised I hit the target since my hand was shaking. I pulled the trigger. BANG! It scared the crap out of me. It was like something had

"It scared the crap out of me. It was like something exploded in my hand."

> Alex Smith, Columnist

exploded in my hand, since incidentally, something had exploded—in a controlled fashion that is. I steadily got accustom to the gun and enjoyed it.

Coming out of this experience, I have a huge respect for guns now. I think that as a part of citizenship courses, you should be taken to a gun range to shoot a gun. While I'm not advocating for or against certain gun rights, but I think this kind of experience will allow you to make a better decision one way or the other.

U.S. needs to seriously invest in high-speed rails



 M_{ATT} CHAMBERS

Traveling through Europe, many Americans are often amazed and enthralled by all the public transportation, especially bullet and high-speed trains. Sadly, it may be a while before the United States sees a high number of high-speed trains.

On Tuesday Vice President Biden announced plans to expand highspeed passenger trains over the next six years. Biden laid out a \$53 billion plan that would increase the number of Americans served by high-speed

It's no secret that the Obama Administration has pushed for improving the high-speed train infrastructure. In 2009, President Obama put \$8 billion for high-speed rails into the stimulus package. In his State of the Union this year Obama challenged the nation to have high-speed rails serve 80 percent of the United States by 2025.

Sadly, like many things, the issue has become a political one. Republicans are opposing any effort to build high-speed rails and even some Democrats are balking at the amount of money and work it will cost.

I realize that it's quite a lot of money to build a brand new infrastructure for 200 mph trains and Americans are always scared of something new. However, I fully support the idea of high-speed trains in the

Honestly, I feel like it shouldn't even be an issue. Everyone wants to be able to travel easier and faster. No one likes traffic—except radio stations. It's 2011 we should be able to get across the country in a rapid way that's not an airplane.

The government has poured so much money into the airline industry and highways so I don't understand why they can't suck it up and help pay for this new mode of transportation. Our current trains are ridiculously slow compared to the rest of the world. There is no reason for the United States to be lagging in something that other countries consider a staple to their daily lives—public transportation.

In the 19th century, this country put it's hard work, blood, sweat and tears into building a cross-country railroad. It's time for us to do it again, but with a modern twist.

The actual constructions of the rails will boost the economy of the nation while connecting it. Once connected, travel time will be reduced for passengers which will help cut down on travel costs. The high-speed rail market is just an untapped oil rig waiting to spew a geyser. The interest in the industry will bring about innovations that will once again put the U.S. back on top in terms of public transportation.

Building a national network of high-speed trains would connect this nation not only physically, but also mentally. It's time for us to move on from the airline industry just to visit a state that's two states over. It's time for high-speed trains.

Voice

You should love every single day

For hundreds of years Feb. 14 has been known to all as the international day of love. Valentine's Day cards, huge teddy bears, balloons,red roses, heart-shaped jewelry, diamond rings, and boxes of candy flood the stores and we are expected to buy these items to show our love for that special someone.

Throughout childhood, Valentine's Day was a holiday to always look forward to with excitement. Going to school that day brought the joy of decorating your very own mailbox to place at your desk where all your classmates could drop their Valentine's Day cards in there if they wanted to or not. Everyone was loved and no one was left out.

Valentine's Day has since then turned into a holiday of expectation. Every guy is expected to shower his girlfriend with gifts, even if they don't have the money. The meaning of this day has been blown out of proportion and turned into a day for revenue and advertising.

The advertisers make us suffer weeks before Valentine's day filling our brains with ideas of what we are expected to buy and to what extent, price wise, we should go to in order to show our love for that one person. These advertisements pressure the ones that are in relationships into buying the most ridiculously expensive gifts. All the single people end up being annoyed by these continuous obnoxious commercials. No one should have to buy gifts such as high-priced diamond jewelry from a jeweler or costly and flower arrangements made of fruit to show someone how much you love

Love should not have to be expressed with store-bought items. Instead it should be shown through simple actions like giving your loved one a hug or kiss or even cooking dinner for them. In addition showing that special person that you love them should also not be limited to one day out of the year. Love should be expressed to that person as often as possible in even the littlest of ways.

We here at The Colonnade want to wish you a Happy Valentines Day. We not only love you on this day but we also love you each and every day.

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- Dave Groseclose is the Interim Assistant Vice President of Facili-
- Brian English's name was misspelled in the Who's Who on Feb.

• Kaitlin Dietz is the Service Vice

President, not president. John Fair has published six books, the one mentioned on Feb. 4 is not his first.

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Dear upstairs neighbor: If you're planning on continuing these five a.m. ... Umm... "rendezvous"... Would you mind getting some WD40 for your bedsprings? It would be much appreciated. Love always, "Thinking You Told Me Your Boyfriend Was In Iraq"

Students: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE be careful at the Magnolia/Village intersection.

Last night's accident hit home.

Regarding the "quick and easy ways to earn money" article. Donating plasma, sperm, or eggs is not quick or easy. Becoming a sperm donor can take weeks or months, because sperm banks are extremely selective and there are physical exams and interviews involved. Oh and they only want tall dark and handsome donors. These suggestions are pretty drastic and can be physically taxing. I noticed something missing from the suggestion list; get a job. (corrections/vent) Thanks! Good job otherwise. And tell Mr. Del Campo to quit wasting his money on bad movies. The Kings Speech, Black Swan, Blue Valentine, the fighter, etc were left out

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Bobcat Beat

REPORTED BY HILARY THOMPSON

"What do you think voting for Mr. & Ms. Georgia College?"



"We don't have sororities or fraternities in Japan, so I don't get it. When I came here I was like 'why are there so many Greek letters on campus?""

Mai Nomura, senior marketing major

"I don't care about popularity contests; I've got fish to catch."

Walker Smith, senior Business management major





"I just like the free stuff that they're giving out, although it's a hassle when you walk by the fountain."

Ryan Vitello, freshman marketing major

"I think it's fun, but at the same time I feel like it's a big popularity contest."

Allie Stinson, senior marketing major





The Colonnade wins the GCPA award for General Excellence for the

sixth year in a row! Staff members celebrate the victory at the Clas-

sic Center in Athens. Back row: Scott Tompson, Lauren Davidson,

Simmons; front row: Rebecca Burns, Katelyn Herbert

Charmaine Tesina, Bobbi Otis, Matt Chambers, Mandy Boddy, Drake

"I think it's a positive thing because you get to take a break from all the studying, and it's a good way to get the GCSU community together and involved."

Lorna Brock, senior psychology major

Georgia College CPress Association Presents These Awards to Colonnade

1st in 4-yr college division B

General Excellence

Best Campus Community Service-News Best Campus Community Service-Sports

The official student newspaper of GCSU

General Advertising

Layout and Design

Improvement

General Photography

2nd in 4-yr college division B

Best Campus Community Service-Editorial

3rd in 4-yr and 2-yr colleges

Best Campus Community Service- Features

Individual Awards

1st in Best Feature Photograph - Chelsea Thomas 2nd in Best News Article Based on Investigative Reporting- Allison Bramlett 2nd in Best News Photograph- Charmaine Tesina 3rd in Best Sports Photograph- Drake Simons

Your right to know. Our duty to inform WITH EXCELLENCE.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Life wihtout Nathan Largly is life without Love -KB CC You make my freckles smile.
Thanks for being so wonderful.
You're the best boyfriend.
-Rei-Rei



Phi Mu Loves Philanthropy!

Dear Hammy, I Love You!!! -Woody

SLEEVE of Crackers Love You

Bradley,
I just wanted to say, you are the best
guy from here to Indiana.
Love, Samantha

Happy Valentine's Day Precious!

Love, Caroline & Caroline



Morgy Bear,
You are the beat to my
freestyle.
Love Matt Kuglin



Dear Zack,
Thanks for being my best friend.
Love,
Katherine

Andrew Loves Mac!



LOOK MA, NO HANDS! I Love You Ladies!

- Kate

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Dear Chick I Love You -Duck

GCEC Rocks! - Jaaliyah, Shaniya, Dominque

To Shannon

From Crystal

I'll love you forever babe.

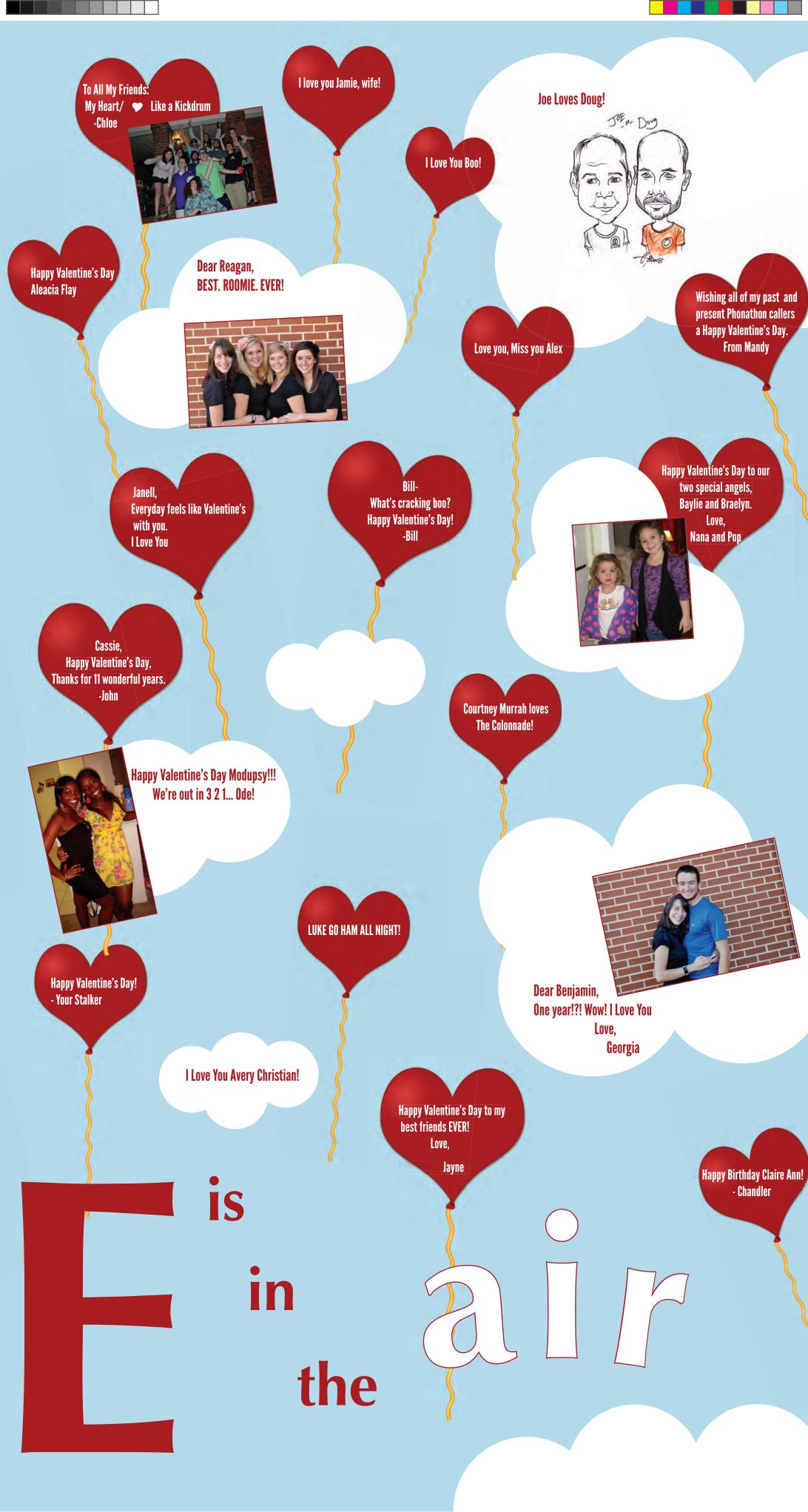
Have an amazing day
Keri Shay!

Happy Valentine's Day

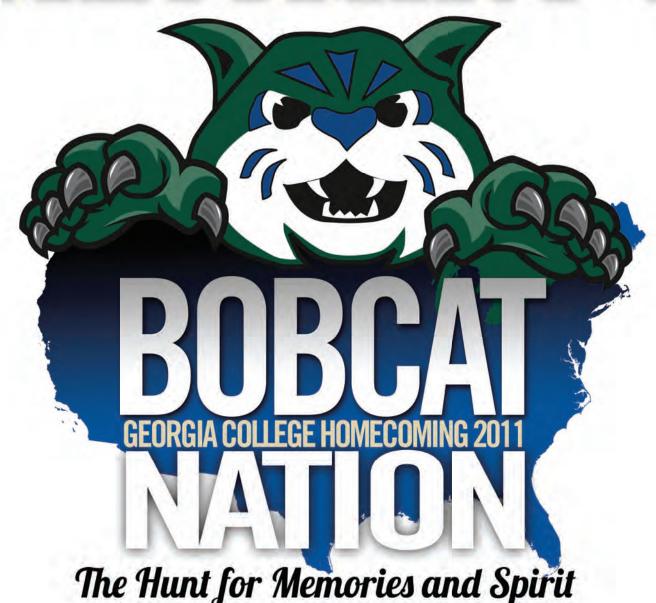
Love Daddy!

I Love You Starr! -Casey

Happy Valentine's Day! Love you lots Claire!



HOMECOMING 2011



schedule of events

Monday, February 14

8 a.m. Office Decorating Contest begins – participants begin decorating

Tuesday, February 15

10 a.m. Office Decorating Contest (judging) 1 p.m. Paws for a Cause – Centennial Drive

2 p.m. Softball v. Young Harris

(Doubleheader); West Campus

5 p.m. Residence Hall Spirit Board Contest – Centennial Parking Lot

5:30 p.m. Dinner in Centennial Parking Lot – Provided by Sodexo

6 p.m. Winners Announced: Spirit Board, Spirit Decorating Contest and Paws for a Cause

Friday, February 18

3 p.m. Baseball v. Pfeiffer - West Campus 8 p.m. The Golden Slipper Murder Mystery Show – A&S Auditorium



Wednesday, February 16

8 p.m. Blue & Green Trivia Bowl -



Thursday, February 17

8 p.m. Homecoming Concert featuring B.o.B, Stokeswood, and Playboy Tre -Centennial Center

Saturday, February 19

Wear your **BLUE** and **GREEN!**

8:30 a.m. Bobcat Ramble – Wellness Depot

9 a.m. Tent City Tailgating opens –

Centennial Square

10 a.m. Parade Lineup – Tatnall Street

11 a.m. Homecoming Parade Begins

1 p.m. Baseball v. Pfeiffer – West Campus

2 p.m. Cornhole Tournament – Centennial Square

3 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Columbus

State – Centennial Center

5 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Columbus State – Centennial Center

Halftime:

Mr. and Ms. Georgia College candidates introduced

After the game:

Bobcat Ramble Awards Parade Winners SGA Election Results Mr. and Ms. Georgia College crowned



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Finding an unexpected friend





Vanessa Whited / Staff Photographer

Left: Green Acres resident Margaret Wimberly (left) and her roommate, Florance Register, spend time together reading, watching television and swapping stories. Right: Nurses at Green Acres give residents one of their favorite treats—manicures and pedicures. The residents decorated the colorful nail cart with paint with the help of their nurses.

A first-hand account of spending time with the residents at Milledgeville's Green Acres Nursing Home

Vanessa Whited Staff Writer

As I drove to Green Acres Nursing Home for the first time, I was overcome with feelings of nervousness. I was pursuing the most uncomfortable homework assignment I'd ever been given: find a resident of Baldwin county and tell their story. It was a vague assignment and one that was way out of my comfort zone. After whining sufficiently to my roommates and whoever else would listen, I finally decided to search online for a local nursing home and head there in the hopes that someone would have a decent story worth retelling

That day I met Margaret Wimberly, a firecracker of a woman who told me her story of being a two-time cancer

survivor. She was sweet, funny and not one bit resentful about her situation. In fact, she was one of the most positive and inspiring people I have met to this day. I listened intently to her story, asked questions and completed my homework assignment.

A few weeks later, after receiving an A on my paper about Ms. Wimberly, I decided to go back to Green Acres and thank her. Even though my last visit went well, I was still nervous. Primarily, I was afraid she wouldn't remember me and I would look like an idiot without anything to talk about. I pushed the negative thoughts aside, went to the grocery store, picked up some flowers and headed to Green Acres for the second

I was blown away at the reaction

I got upon walking into the nursing home; instead of being a random college student carrying flowers you would have thought I was some sort of queen bearing treasure. Everyone smiled at me, told me how sweet I was and overall made me feel like a million bucks.

I found Ms. Wimberly enjoying her lunch with some fellow residents in a setting that oddly reminded me of Georgia College's very own Sodexo. Much to my surprise, the little woman recognized me instantly. She got up, smiled, and took me aback with what was easily the largest and most comical hug I've ever gotten in my life. She squeezed with all her might and paraded me back to her room, telling anyone who asked that I was her new friend making a visit. We put the flowers I got her into a vase and talked with ease about whatever it was that came up.

After just two visits I realized how rewarding it is to visit Green Acres. I had developed a wonderful relationship with a wonderful woman, who still calls me her friend and never forgets to say, "Love ya!" before I

Ms. Wimberly is just one of the 90 residents that currently reside at Green Acres, a local nursing home that has seen a significant decrease in Georgia College student volunteers.

Volunteer Coordinator for Green Acres, Audrey Smith, said that there used to be a significant number of volunteers from the university, but for some unknown reason the visits have subsided

"We really do need the students back," Smith said, "The residents need the interaction. They want it, they crave it. Even if students come for just 30 minutes, it makes a big

She clarifies that, despite the common misconception, volunteering is a not a long-term commitment.

"It's as flexible as you want to be," she said. "And the residents love it." Not to mention, all volunteers receive community service hours.

We have a big variety of personalities," said Jennifer Avant, Green Acres' Activities Director. "There's somebody for everybody to talk to. It's almost like you're in a dorm.'

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Forties fashion on the Georgia College stage

Danielle Paluga SENIOR REPORTER

For a stage production to be successful it needs to immerse the audience in the time period in which it is set. There is no more obvious way to do this than through cos-

Eric Griffis, assistant professor of costume design, is in charge of the cast's wardrobe for this season's musical "The 1940's Radio Hour.'

The production is about a radio station in New York's last Christmas broadcast during World War II.

"The 40's, really most of the twentieth century, is my specialty. So I'm very excited," Griffis said.

Griffis took inspiration from photographs of that time period in order to make costumes fit into the World War Two era. He explained that the photographs were useful in designing because they show how people back then really wore the clothes. Any person who appreciates vintage fashion will surely look at the pieces he has created and want to wear them instantly.

Plaids and well-fitted suits for men and collared, button-up monochromatic dresses for women characterized the 40's era of fashion. Griffis as made these centerpieces for the costumes that he and his team of helpers hand made for the show.

"Since this is a musical I wanted the colors to be bright and fun. I got a feel of the characters and how the cast portrayed them by watching the rehearsals," Griffis said.

The biggest challenge for Griffis is turning the youngest cast member into the oldest character in the production. But he loves a challenge.

Designing the costumes may be a familiar process to "Project Runway" fans. Like the competitors on the show Griffis and Emily Taradash, costume shop supervisor, use a cheaper fabric, muslin, to do a mock up of the piece and draw all over it with what changes that want to make. This way they do not waste the more expensive fabric the dresses are actually made out of.

"I almost had to make a change to the female lead's character because Dr. Mulvihill (the show's choreographer) wanted her to move a lot during one of her numbers,' Griffis said.

A solution was found in the addition of a unique accessory, a feather boa. Giffis had Amy Pinney the director of the musical approve the addition. They are both excited about how the song and dance number will

Taradash was lucky to find a real vintage dress pattern at a thrift store, where many of the items came from.



From left, William Warren, Evan Fields and John Ramos wear their 1940's inspired costumes de-



Eric Griffis steams a jacket which will be worn in 'The 1940's Radio Hour.''

"I find these vintage patterns easier to use than modern ones. This was a great find," Taradash said.

Senior theatre major Kara Cox helps with the costume construction when she

"I began sewing by hand a while ago and I took Eric's class on costume design so I'm here to help on the details," Cox said.

All the cast needs to come in to be fitted for their costumes. The men came in first since most of their costumes were bought ahead of time.

Freshman music major Josh Ramos portrays B.J. Gibson in the musical. His character is a clean-cut guy from college at the radio station. According to Ramos, the costume of plaid and a nice preppy sweater fits his character well.

"I love my costume," Ramos said.

Local youth, students bond while studying

Brooks McAllister STAFF WRITER

Giving back to the community is one way that Georgia College students are embracing their time in Milledgeville. After Kids Ministry—a Christianbased group out of The Wesley Foundation—stopped meeting, a few Georgia College students took it upon themselves to continue tutoring three of the children the ministry aimed to

sociology Heather Luyk and senior nursing major Casey Parker and senior rhetoric major Jack Webber are very involved with the youth in the local Milledgeville community. They were all involved in Wesley's Kids Ministry, but sadly watched it dwindle. Even without a program, these volunteers recognized that there



Brooks McAllister / Staff Photographer Senior sociology major Heather Luyk spends her Thursdays tutoring a girl from a local housing authority, Kayleen. Luyk tutors along with with senior nursing major Casey Parker and senior rhetoric major Jack Webber.

was still a need and have taken it upon themselves to continue tutoring local youth.

Luyk, Parker and Webber take each of their Thursday afternoons and devote them to three young children - two girls

and a boy. These children come from a family that lives in the local Housing Authority. The three siblings were a

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Cheating in campus classrooms

Cheating is rare according to Georgia College professors

David Cox STAFF WRITER

Cheating at Georgia College has proven to be a rarity within the classroom, but it difficult to monitor with homework or online assignments.

The Georgia College Honor Code defines cheating as "the employment of rendering of any illicit aid in any assigned work," a definition which extends beyond the classroom to encompass homework and any online assignments as well.

Dr. Brooke Conaway, an economics professor and Georgia College alumnus said that she has never had a problem with cheating in any of her classes at the university, as a student, nor

"I've never witnessed cheating either," says Junior Nursing major Karissa Ekstrom. "It may appear in more generic classes like those you take for your core, but I have never witnessed it in classes specific to my ma-

Sophomore economics ma-

"l've seen people cheat using hat bills, shoes, legs, forearms, and the inside of their calculator."

Emmy Baker, senior sociology major

jor T.J. Cornay said that he has only witnessed cheating in a Georgia College classroom once, and it was in a class of roughly 80 students.

Senior sociology major Emmy Baker says she's seen cheating occur in many different forms.

"I've seen people cheat using hat bills, shoes, legs, forearms, and the inside of their calculator. It might not be on a regular basis, but I've definitely witnessed cheating before."

According to Conaway, the bigger the class size, the more likely it is that cheating will oc-

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potlight: The birds and the bees



Georgia College food court circa 1980.

t is 1980, and after a decade of coeducation, Georgia College

is thriving as an institution. The young women and young men of the college are getting along famously, but the first president of the college, J. Harris Chappell, would have ripped his hair out.

In the early years of Georgia Normal & Industrial College, Chappell explicitly forbade the women of the college from fraternizing with men in any way. In fact, "intruders" of any sort were not permitted on the grounds of the college at all.

The women were not even allowed to receive mail from men, unless they had specific permission from their families. Chappell even went so far as to announce that he would open and inspect any mail that he felt violated this regulation. The young men of Milledgeville found an intriguing way around Chappell's strict stipulations: instead of daring to set foot on the campus the men would meet at the depot where the women of the college would arrive by train, along with a real live marching band. The men and the marching band would then proceed to follow the women to the campus, hollering and whooping the whole way.

Obviously the times have changed, men can be seen all over the Georgia College campus, but no longer do the young men of Milledgeville attempt to "woo" the young women of Georgia College with marching band music. It will undoubtedly be interesting come Valentine's Day to see how the current "gentleman callers" of Milledgeville live up to their earlier counterparts.

By Hilary Thompson

The GIVE Center sets semester-long goals

Sabrina Chandler STAFF WRITER

As the Spring semester kicks off, so does the busy schedule of The GIVE Center. With a loaded calendar, the center has many different community service projects planned.

A major project that The GIVE Center is planning this semester is the second annual Purple Glove Dance. This follows the success of the first video released last year on You-Tube. The video was created to raise awareness and donations to support Relay for Life and includes Georgia College

students and faculty wearing purple gloves and dancing for a cure for cancer. The first video was well received, now up to

"Because of the Purple Glove Dance's success on YouTube, (The GIVE Center) plans on using social networking a lot more this spring."

> Kendall Stiles, Director of The GIVE Center

"Because of the Purple Glove Dance's success on You-Tube, (The GIVE Center) plans on using social networking a lot more this Spring," said Kendall Stiles, Director of The GIVE Center.

This March, The GIVE Center will be holding a Dance Marathon in the Magnolia Ballroom. The marathon will benefit Children's Miracle Network, an international nonprofit organization that raises funds for children's hospitals,

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Visual artist visits campus

Mark Dion displays his science-inspired art

STAFF WRITER

Visual artist Mark Dion visited Georgia College on Monday, Jan. 31, and gave a talk, engaging students and faculty about his artwork.

Dion talked about his examination of science and aesthetics during his presentation, "An Explication of Recent Endeavors," that took place in the Arts and Sciences Auditorium. During his presentation Dion showed many examples of his work through a slide lecture and explained details of his work, which incorporates elements of biology, ethnography, archeology and the history of science. He applies his artwork methodologies that are generally used for science.

He also worked with students and faculty in the Department of Art while he visited Georgia College. He worked with students in the print gallery with special silkscreen, and created a limited edition print.

Senior art major Alison Kuhlke was impressed that Georgia College found such an appealing artist with high credentials.

"Georgia College is blessed to be able to have him on campus; he is an impressive artist with an impressive resume," Kuhlke said. She has never seen art presented in such a way as Dion's, and she found it to be very fascinating.

"It is interesting how he was able to merge



KENDYL WADE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Visiting artist Mark Dion shows off his science-inspired artwork. His diagrams of tree trunks and some of the art he brought to campus on Jan. 31.

natural objects and put them in an unnatural setting," Kuhlke said.

Junior art history major Becky Skuse was not

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Oscars Review: picks for picture, actor, actress, director

RYAN DEL CAMPO Reviewer

Few movies released in 2010 deserve any sort of consideration at all for the Academy Awards. including some of the nominees. However, there were a small handful of truly incredible movies, most of which made the cut. Though I could certainly speculate on which movies would likely win the awards, it delivers much more depth to present the awards that I would give to the films and hope that they come true.

Though the artistic elements of a movie's plot should certainly be considered, the judges often rely far too heavily on that single factor. Case in point: "No Country for Old Men." This movie won four of the most prestigious Academy Awards in 2008, including for Best Picture. But, did anyone in a regular audience honestly like it? The Coen Brothers innovative yet confusing drama held little to no mass appeal, and was praised solely on its critical appeal. I would have never even given the film a nomination for the Academy Awards.

Though too many of this year's films have been flops, there have been several outstanding diamonds in the rough.

BEST PICTURE

"Inception"

"Inception" serves the award for Best Picture this year, hands down. Christopher Nolan is a visionary director who understands how to make intelligent and successful movies. Plus the performances by each of the actors, including nearly all of the supporting roles, is



beyond exceptional. Furthermore, "Inception" is a movie that forces its audience to think – not in a traditional sociological perspective of many intelligent movies, but of the potential of the mind. As far as I am concerned, "Inception" is as close to a perfect movie as audiences have seen since "The Departed."

"The Fighter"

"The Fighter" is a close runner-up for Best Picture due to its incredible power. The film grips its audience from the first scene and doesn't let go until the credits. It set itself far above any other boxing movie by adding a well-developed psychological examination of a drug addict in addition to the action of a traditional rags-toriches sports flick. Plus, the supporting role of Christian Bale as Dicky Eklund undoubtedly is the best performance of the year. "Marky" Mark Whalburg also showed the world that he can escape from the sea of mediocrity that his past many films have made.

"Toy Story 3"

Tov Story 3" also deserves to be near the top of this important list. The culmination of the trilogy 15 years in-the-making was an emotional rollercoaster, incorporating the best elements of raw feeling, familyappropriate comedy, and adult themes into a



visually-stunning animation. Any cartoon that can reduce a full-grown man to tears whilst entertaining a generation of youths deserves to be heavily considered for Best Picture.

"The Town"

I have no idea why "The Town" didn't receive a nomination for Best Picture. This crime drama was raw, gritty and surprisingly intelligent. Ben Affleck delivered a noteworthy performance, Jeremy Renner played an award-worthy role, and Blake Lively proved that she can act in a real movie. The film was energetic and compelling, and was certainly a better example of fine cinema than several of the other movies that received Oscar nominations this year.

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Jesse Eisenberg in "The Social Network"

"The Social Network" stole the stage this year as an adaption of America's newest favorite pastime, Facebook. Audiences were dazzled by the ability of the film to take the story of creating a website and transform it into a dramatic story of a reclusive national



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treasure's life. Eisenberg was a perfect casting fit to play Mark Zuckerberg, and proved it with his witty and intelligent adaption of the enigmatic figure. I envision a bright future for this young actor, Oscar or not.

James Franco in "127 Hours"

James Franco delivers a surprisingly nontraditional and strong performance in "127 Hours." Though the movie is not Best Picture-worthy, its ability to keep the story of one man stuck in a canyon focused and compelling for an hour and a half is certainly noteworthy. Without the

acting prowess of Franco and the novel directing of Danny Boyle, "127 Hours" could have fallen into the mediocre realm of a movie like back in the public spectacle.

Jeff Bridges in "True Grit"

I didn't like "True Grit," despite the critical tendency to fall in love with every nondescript and emotionless screenplay that the Coen Brothers spit onto the silver screen. However, despite the failures of the directors to make any intelligible and coherent films, Jeff Bridges' performance in the legendary role that John Wayne once had was stellar. The former B-list actor took back the reins of his career this year by asserting himself as not just that old guy in "Tron," but also as a truly gritty face of humanity in "True Grit."

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Natalie Portman in "Black Swan"

"Black Swan" didn't quite live up to its best picture nomination due in most part to its overwhelming vulgarity, which was necessary to accomplish the film's theme but drew away from its mass appeal. That being said, Natalie Portman did a terrific job of play-



ing the psychologically tortured dancer in this year's dramatic thriller. Separating herself far from her roles in movies like "Star Wars," Portman has asserted herself in this artistic film as a force to be reckoned within the acting community.

Annette Bening in "The Kids are All Right"

Though I have yet to see "The Kids are All Right," everything that I have heard from the critical community suggests that both Bening and Julianne Moore delivered powerful and compelling performances in the controversial film about a lesbian couple. If Portman does not win the award, it is quite likely that Bening will pull it off.

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Amy Adams in "The Fighter"

Amy Adams is the only true nomination that stood out for me to win the award for Best Supporting Actress. Starring opposite of Whalberg as his love interest, Adams did a beautiful job of not falling into the rut of a boxer's girlfriend. Though certainly alluring, she brought intelligence to the role that clashed dramatically with

Mickey Ward's stubborn family. Adams will likely have a flourishing career now that she is

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Jeremy Renner in "The Town"

Both Ben Affleck and Jeremy Renner performed beautifully in "The Town," which was a much better movie than the Academy Award judges gave it credit for. Still reeling off of the success of "The Hurt Locker," Renner further proved himself by neither stealing the stage nor falling into the background of a traditional supporting role.

Christian Bale in "The Fighter"

Christian Bale's role in "The Fighter" was perfect. He brought raw emotion to the role of a crack addict, and truly adapted to his role. One look into his soulless, dead eves or at his hollow physique during the film shows Bale's true dedication to



his role. This talent is especially incredible considering that he can switch between the roles of characters like Batman to ones like Patrick Bateman in "American Psycho" with seemingly little effort. The only flaw in Bale's role in "The Fighter" was that it drew so much away from Mark Whalburg's better-than-usual, but still weaker performance.

DIRECTING

David Fincher for "The Social Network"

Fincher deserves considerable credit along with writer Aaron Sorkin for transforming scenes of simply writing a website into captivating and dramatic cinema. The film's true power was derived from its intelligence and wit in telling a unique story in a unique way. It has been a long time since the world has seen the level of depth in a biography that "The Social Network" achieved.

David O. Russell for "The Fighter" Beyond the movie's considerable emotional

appeal, Russell was also able to create a world with several dynamic and story-driving relationships between all of the actors. Mark Whalburg stood in the center of the plot, but often the pushing force of "The Fighter" is created by his character's family. The bottom line on this one is that "The Fighter" could have easily been condemned to the level of other campy sports movies, but was saved due to Russell's magnificent talent.

Non-profit stores work to create change in Milledgeville

Jessica Hayman STAFF WRITER

Habitat for Humanity and The Salvation Army are both non-profit, Christian organizations that have spent a greater part of the past two decades helping families and individuals in the Milledgeville and Baldwin County area. Deeply rooted in their Christian faith, these two organizations are set on improving the lives of individuals within their community.

"We're just giving people an opportunity to change their lives." said Lisa Bell, Assistant Director for Social Services for the Salvation

The Salvation Army is located at 420 South Wilkinson Street and carries items such as clothing, furniture, toys, books, dishes, and blankets. And ladies, they even have evening gowns! All donations come from within the Milledgeville and Baldwin County community, with some donations from the Oconee area as well. Habitat for Humanity is located at 730 North Wayne Street, and the most commonly donated items to this organization are those such as gently used toys, furniture, doors, windows, lamps, and other household items. The store carries practically everything, except clothing.

Both Habitat and The Salvation Army work as a kind of recycling center for the community in a really unique way. When paper or plastic is recycled, it is dispersed other places beyond the community in which it was recycled; however, when items are donated to Habitat for Humanity and The Salvation Army, they stay within the community to improve the lives of others in that same area. By donating to these organizations, neighbors are giving to their neighbors. In a sense, Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army are bringing people together.

Monetary donations are welcomed as well,



MANOI KUNINTI / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Piles of donated clothes, shoes, appliances and other items stack up in The Salvation Army before they can be sorted and sold.

and are used in a multitude of ways. The Salvation Army uses this money to send children of the Baldwin County area ages eight through 14 to summer camp every year. During the Christmas holidays, this organization uses the money they raised throughout the year to buy groceries for needy families, including chicken, cornbread, several canned items, and a dessert.

Habitat for Humanity uses their monetary donations to build houses for families suffering from poor housing conditions, or poverty.

We have a core group that usually shows up to build and they, in turn, bring friends. When we are about to build a house we do a press release in the newspaper Union Recorder, Baldwin Bulletin, Chamber of Commerce Link and that brings in a lot of calls and people asking: Where are you building? When are you building?' and 'How can we help?'" Jack Hickey, the Executive Director of the Milledgeville Habitat for Humanity, said.

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Avant is in charge of organizing activities for the residents, and she encourages volunteers to partake in these activities as well. Each month, she assembles an activities calendar that includes various holiday parties, Bible studies and bingo.

Sophomore mass communication major Ashley Metivier spends some of her free time volunteering at Green Acres.

"I have a blast every time I go," she said,"everyone is so sweet and there's always something to do.'

Metivier especially enjoys painting residents' nails, courtesy of a fully equipped manicure cart donated and decorated by volunteers.

While Avant notices an influx of volunteers around the holidays, she said that everyday love is important as well.

After the wonderful experiences I've had visiting Green Acres, I can only encourage others to do the same. It's unbelievable how quickly one can develop relationships that are so gratifying. After all, one day we might be in the same position as the Green Acres residents, and everyone needs a friend every now and then.



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medical research and community awareness of children's health issues.

As always, The GIVE Center will travel on Spring Break to complete various different projects to help the chosen community. This year's Spring Break Service Week, the group will be traveling to Savannah, Ga. Details have still not been fully worked out yet, but the projects will depend on the need of the

Another event being held this semester is The GIVE Center's annual Giving Tree Ceremony. According to marketing graduate assistant Kenneth Morris, who works at The GIVE Center, the ceremony is to celebrate a chosen senior that has been very involved in The GIVE Center. A tree will be named after the student. The ceremony is based on Shell Silverstein's, "The Giving Tree." The Giving Tree Ceremony will be held at the end of April.

The GIVE Center's semester was launched on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It was one busy day of volunteering for the center. With over 300 volunteers in total, The GIVE Center gave over 2,000 volunteer hours. According to Stiles, The GIVE Center has been doing this same type of volunteering day for the past five years, but this was by far the biggest day of giving yet. This was just one of many days of hard work to come.

"While the weather was less than cooperative, we had a great morning at our site,' sociology professor and participant in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day service projects Stephanie McClure. said."Our volunteer crew included a large and enthusiastic group of Georgia College student volunteers, in the form of a service sorority here on campus, and another group of excellent volunteers from Georgia Power."

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was just a sneak peek of all the giving to come from The GIVE Center this spring. Many are very excited about all of the projects coming up.

"I'm really excited to see that more students are getting involved and there are more service projects going on to benefit Milledgeville and Georgia College." McClure said.

Mark Dion

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sure how to interpret Dion's work as it was very complex.

"His work wasn't straight forward, and he, like his work, was vague," Skuse said. Skuse also thought that Dion's work was more from an environmental point-ofview, than an artist point-of-

Dion has traveled the world and collaborated with a wide variety of scientist, artist and museums. He has dug up ancient and modern artifacts from the banks of the Thames in London, established a marine life laboratory using specimens from New York's Chinatown, and created a cabinet of curiosities exploring natural and philosophical hierarchies

He is constantly working on new ideas and projects.

"I usually work on 12 or 14 projects at a time, and I work about two years ahead," Dion said. "I am constantly collecting items for my work in nature and in antique shops."

Dion's approach highlights illustration and accuracy, but is charged with a striking undertone and quirky sense of humor. He

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> Mark Dion, visiting artist

has a longstanding interest in exploring how ideas about natural history are visualized and how they flow with society. His work examines ways in which dominant principles and public institutions shape the understanding of knowledge, history and the natural

"The job of artists is to go against the grain of dominant culture, and challenge perception and convention," Dion said.

Dion has worked with zoos, historical societies, archaeological societies, natural history museums and others. He is best known for his scientific presentation in his installations, and he has been featured in many galleries and museums worldwide, including the Modern Museum of Art, PBS series art:21, and the Tate Gallery. Dion is also a professor in the visual arts department at Columbia University.

Tutoring

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part of Kids Ministry, but had no other group similar to go to after the program ceased. The older two, Jayleen and Kayleen, a boy and a girl are nine-year-old twins, and the younger girl, Shania is eight years old. Each child is paired with a college student and they go to the library on Thursday afternoons for tutoring, homework assistance, playtime and often a trip to McDonald's afterwards.

The volunteers bring the children a snack, help them with their homework and make sure they feel comfortable with all of their school material. After that, they play educational games on the computer, read books and check out books to take home. In addition to their regular Thursdays at the library, Luyk, Parker and Webber also take the children out whenever they have free time during the week.

These tutoring sessions go far beyond just tutoring and teaching the children educational lessons. Luyk, Parker, and Webber represent role models. The children are at-risk for growing up an environment with potentially inadequate parental control and negative influences very early on. Luyk, Parker and Webber work to counteract the negativity by creating a positive environment. instilling values and giving the children a friend to trust.

"The Housing Authority is just seconds away from where we live. I don't know how I could not get involved with kids who live there," Luyk said. "I think it is important to empower them. It's not about seeing them as charity or a statistic, but it's a kid who deserves equality, education, and love. They deserve to just be kids."

Luyk, Parker and Webber have all been connected with these children for about a year now and plan to continue tutoring and playing

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Heather Luyk, senior sociology major

with these children through graduation.

"The most rewarding part is that Jaelyn has begun to trust me and see me as a positive influence in his life and he actually trusts me to have his best interest in mind," Webber said. "I love going every week because I know that he is blessing me and I know that I am making a positive impact on him and his family. I have really come to love those kids more than anything, and I make myself available to give them an outlet during the week.'

Giving as little as a couple of hours per week can make a huge impact on a person's life. It is too easy to forget how many blessings are bestowed upon us. Luyk, Parker, and Webber teach these children various life lessons, but all say how much they have learned from the kids as well.

"I know how busy I am, but I could not turn down this opportunity. I felt strongly called to tutor these kids and it has been great," Parker said. "Some days it's hard to handle, but I always learn something new. It feels so good to be something for these kids that they don't already have."

Cheating Continued from page 13...

"The benefits of cheating are pretty universal, but the costs of monitoring it can vary." Conaway said.

This is especially true in bigger classes, where the number of students makes it very difficult and impractical for a single professor to fully monitor cheating. For this reason, students who cheat in large classes incur less risk upon themselves than students who cheat in small ones.

But according to Conaway, the fact that Georgia College's class sizes relatively small helps to discourage students from cheating, as the lower number of students makes it easier for teachers to keep track of everything that goes in their classes.

What goes on outside the classroom, however, is a completely different story. Because professors can't monitor what students do outside of class, cheating is far more likely to occur in out-of-class assignments. Moreover, it is much more difficult to prove when cheating

has occurred outside of a classroom. While out-of class assignments and the cheating risks that they prose are certainly not

new, technology has exacerbated the problem. "I don't give online assignments because I would expect a higher degree of cheating," Conaway said.

Still, online assignments and quizzes are becoming increasingly common, and they, like any other out-of-class work lend themselves more easily to cheating. With no way to monitor the work that students do online, any cheating that occurs is less likely to be noticed or proven. At this point, it is up to the students to respect the Honor Code and refrain from illicit activity in their work.

According to the Honor Code, the penalty for a first cheating offense is suspension for the rest of the semester, and the suspension may extend into the next semester as well. A second offense usually results in expulsion from the university.

Yet Shay O' Keif, a senior marketing major said, "I know someone who has been to Student Judicial Board for cheating, and they did not receive nearly as bad of a punishment as listed in the Honor Code. I don't know if it was a special circumstance, but it wasn't as bad. But I still don't think cheating is something you want to be accused of at Georgia College."

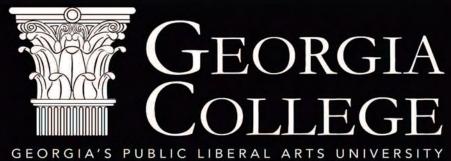
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Classics on the cheap

Pre-owned video games offer quality game-play at a lesser price

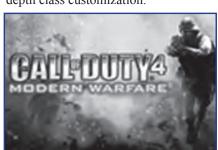
MARK WATKINS REVIEWER

Video games in today's day and age are at a record high price. Drops in prices are often small and take months to occur. It's often a tough act of love to fork over the \$59.99 that most newly released vid-

eo games cost. To help remedy this situation, here are some hit video games that are well worth playing and are available pre-owned for under \$15.

For all of the first-person shooter fans and any one who loves a great game as well, we have "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare." This installment in the Call of Duty series was the game that revolutionized first person shooters and made the Call of Duty franchise the powerhouse that it is.

This game opened the door to a modern day campaign which had some absolutely epic moments, such as a sniper mission filled with ghille suits, close encounters and a Baretta .50 caliber sniper rifle. "Call of Duty 4" revamped the online multiplayer experience that we have today by including weapon camouflage, a well developed leveling system, and in depth class customization.



Source: Activision

Although there are newer installments in the Call of Duty line, none are available for the low price of \$9.99. This is a steal for the quality of game that you are getting. Definitely a must have for any sort of video game library.

If you've ever had the desire to know

what it's like to have super natural powers and a city full of enemies to test them out on, "Bioshock" is the game for you.

"Bioshock" is set in an underwater city called Rapture. The game weaves an intricate story as it follows one man, Jack, on his journey through Rapture. It is a masterpiece of a single player campaign and is looked at as a pioneer of the "choose your own destiny" type of

This is an absolute classic and a game that is always worth another play through. It's available pre-owned for \$12.99 a rock bottom bargain for a top shelf game. Some other great games that are all available pre-owned for \$15 or cheaper are "Left for Dead," "Fable II," "Gears of War 2," "Prince of Persia," "Grand Theft Auto IV," and "Halo 3." They may not be the newest fames, but these games are some of the hallmarks of the video game industry and as a gamer, one would be remiss to not take advantage of these deals.

Infinity Blade: All flash no fun

little surprise. Furthermore, especially

Jeff Sterling Reviewer

It's no secret that one of the perennial draws of Apple's iOS devices (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch) is the wide selection of fun and often addicting games. This has pushed the platform to the forefront of handheld games, even surpassing

Nintendo in handheld gaming sales from time to time. At first, these games were usually simplistic, with one or two methods of play, and 2D visuals. PC game developer Epic Games,

game based on sword fighting. The first thing you will notice about Infinity Blade is that the graphics are simply astounding. This holds espe-cially true for the iPhone four's Retina

Infinity Blade is an action role-playing

Display. However, anyone familiar with Epic Games will know that they are renown for cutting-edge visuals, so this comes as

on mobile devices, the most important aspect has always been the fun factor. It is in this department that the glossy veneer of the production values begins to The core sword fighting in the game

is accomplished by swiping one's fingers across the screen to swing the blade. While there are specific gestures for blocks, parries, etc., it doesn't take long to realize that you can actually win most fights by spastically and indiscriminately running your fingers over the screen until the enemy is vanquished. While this will certainly illicit some odd looks playing it in public, it is a fun gameplay mechanic.

The flaw of Infinity Blade is not that it isn't fun in concept, but rather that it is nauseatingly repetitive. The formula of entering a castle, van-

quishing some dispensable foes, and fighting a slightly more difficult boss is

rience. I suppose the diplomatic way to describe the story of Infinity Blade would be that it is "open to interpretation". However, a more accurate description

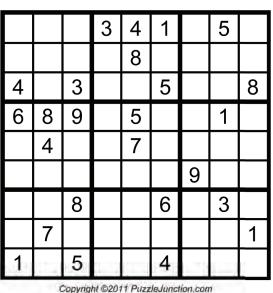
slavishly adhered to for the entire expe-

would be that it is virtually non-existent, and a complete lack of story would have been more endearing than the cursory amalgamation of tired cliches that comprises the actual story.

Infinity Blade began purely as a technological demo known as Epic Citadel, and in many ways it could be argued that the game remains a tech demo. The graphics are amazing, but the rest of the package is frankly boring. If you are in dire need of an iOS sword fighting game, this is undoubtedly the best choice in that

However if you (like most of us) are looking for a simple and fun way to pass some time between classes or elsewhere, you are better served by saving your money for other App Store endeavors.

Sudoku



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Astrological Forecast

Danielle Paluga STAFF PSYCHIC



Aquarius (January 21- February 18)- You soon will be a year older. I hope you've started using anti-aging creams so you won't be able to see your crazy college days on your face 10 years

Pisces (February 19- March 20)- Your birthday is coming up soon so throw a party for yourself and be sure to invite me.

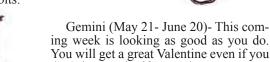




Aries (March 20- April 19)- Now is the time to expand your horizons and become more cultured. No "The Jersey Shore" doesn't count as art.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)- Venus will align with the moon this week to bring you luck at midnight. Even the planets know your sleep habits.





Cancer (June 21- July 21)- Make it your goal to pay more attention in class. Except

in those classes where the teacher teaches

don't have a significant other.



Leo (July 22- August 22)- Having a bad hair day? Rock that lion mane! It's in right

Virgo (August 23- September 22)- The biggest challenge you will face this week will be finding a study room in the LITC.





Libra (September 23- October 22)-Someone will be checking you out this week. Look alive.

Scorpio (October 23- November 21)-Your motto this week: Go big or go home. I have no idea what that means I just saw it in my crystal ball.





Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)- This week will be rough, but look on the bright side, you could be Christina Aguilera.

Capricorn (December 22- January 20)-Busy week alert. Use this as an excuse to skip that lunch date with the person you pretend to like.



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How to look and feel beautiful





Brittney Drummond, sophomore Spanish major, balances being a Belk Lancome beauty advisor and full time student. She gives customers beauty tips, touch-ups, and fall make overs on a daily basis. She gives advice on everything from night cream to eye shadow to mascara. Her favorite product at the counter right now is a perfume called Tresor in Love. Drummond wants women of all ages to take an interest in their makeup.

Confessions of a cosmetic counter chick

AUBRIE SOFALA SENIOR REPORTER

She pulls open the glass counter door and carefully picks out an eyeshadow palette for the waiting hands of a nearby

"It comes in this cute jeweled case too," Brittney Drummond, sophomore Spanish major and beauty advisor at Belk's Lancome cosmetics counter said.

Drummond has been working at Belk since June when she decided it was necessary to have a job while in college. She is one of two beauty advisors who work at the counter. On any given day, Drummond offers makeovers, touch-ups or beauty tips to a variety of customers.

"My favorite part of the job is making women feel better about themselves, Drummond said.

Drummond attends classes in order to learn about the latest products, different skin types, evolving technology in the cosmetics world and how to sell Lancome products more efficiently. She has become knowledgeable about the products she sells. This translates into confidence when working with customers.

"We research our products and read up on them so we know the technology and the different skin types," Drummond said "I took a class just for skin--the different types and how it reacts.

However, Drummond was not always this confident when selling cosmetics. She particularly remembers one customer who was not satisfied with the makeover she received.

I spent 45 minutes to an hour, probably an hour and a half all together, getting this lady's face done," Drummond said of the client.

The customer had never worn makeup before—so Drummond saw it as a challenge. She remembers passersby stopping and commenting on how beautiful the makeover was coming along. However, when Drummond handed the mirror over to reveal the look—the customer thought otherwise.

"She looks in the mirror and is like 'Ew, I look like a clown!' "Drummond

The customer then proceeded to wipe her face with makeup cleanser in front of Drummond and refused to buy any prod-

Drummond has gained more confidence since the disastrous makeover fiasco--partly because of Belk's mandatory sales quotas.

The hardest part is the sales goals," Drummond said of the \$20,000 goal for the Lancome counter. The goal is to be divided between two beauty advisors.

Drummond, always up to date with the latest makeup trends, says the trend now is a bold eye. Purple, green, and coral are what Lancome has in store for this

Customer service is also an important aspect of Drummond's job at the Lancome counter. Drummond counts on offering a great first-time experience in hopes that customers will become repeat clients.

"We have a client form and no matter what they buy, whether it be lipstick, skin care, or they are sampling something—I put their name onto my client form," Drummond said "Eventually, they become a client of mine."

Drummond doesn't consider herself a saleswoman, saying she takes careful consideration when consulting customers about beauty tips. Gaining customers trust is the largest concern of Drummond when it comes to helping women with their beauty.

"(I try to) develop a relationship with our customers. If they sense you're trying to sell them something—they won't buy it," Drummond said. "They have to trust you."

The best mascara for your lash type





How to get the smoky eye

Step one



Line the part of your lid that meets your lashes with a dark black eye shadow.

Step two



Then take a lighter silver eye shadow and apply it to the middle of your lid and spread it to just beneath your brow

Step three



Blend in the already applied eye shadow with a light grey color. Line your bottom lashes with dark shadow too

Step four



Put an even lighter almost white shimmery eye shadow in the corners of your eyes and then apply mascara

At home or downtown: How to relax, pamper yourself

VICTORIA GAROFALO STAFF WRITER

School can be a major source of stress for many college students. Sometimes weeks go by where nothing pressing is due and then, all of a sudden, school work starts to pile up. Whether its balancing class, homework, or extracurriculars, it seems that college students always have

a reason to be stressed out. "There's no reason to get stressed out because of school, in the big scheme of things these are (only) small things" senior criminal

justice major John Tucker said. Scheduling daily alone-time or spa-time once a week, even if just for 20 minutes to an hour can be quite beneficial. Not only does pamper-

ing oneself feel good, but it also makes one feel better about life and can add to overall well being. Pampering and self-care aid in happiness and personal nurturing.

According to an article in the New York Times doing relaxation techniques such as talking to a trusted family member or doing yoga is

very healthful. "Hanging out with my friends is my favorite way to relax," junior psychology major Haleigh Hopkins said. "Even just being around friends and people and away from school work for a

small time can help tremendously.' There are many simple, practical and relatively simple at-home remedies to help alleviate stress, as well as a few local spas around Milledgeville that offer relaxing and helpful

services. Pampering and taking good care of oneself can be both a source of relaxation and

Although exercise doesn't seem like an ideal way to relax when done on a regular basis, it releases endorphins, known as the runner's high, resulting in natural sense of well being and uplifted spirits. Even remembering to do something as simple as smiling, on a regular basis can alleviate your mood because that also releases endorphins.

According to a Skidmore College study featured in Cosmopolitan magazine, people who take bigger strides, swing their arms and walk with their heads up by picturing themselves walking down a runway, feel happier than those who take short, shuffling steps.

While it is thought that spa trips and pampering are only primarily for females, it can also be are just as beneficial for males.

An Esquire UK magazine blogger, Best Dressed Man, recently wrote about his treatment at the spa. He said that is skin was "glowing" afterwards and he had never felt better.

One of the simplest ways to relax and unwind is a bubble bath. It soaks the muscles, deep cleanses the body and helps you mentally unwind. This is proved by the countless articles and aromatherapy bath product available online. Homelife, an online magazine from Australia, has seven recipes for bath oils

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Hair tips from a male perspective

KEVIN HALL COLUMNIST

Okay ladies, put down your Cosmos, Vogues, and whatever else you read for hairstyle tips. This is the only thing you are going to need to read.

First, when you go to get your haircut and you still haven't decided what you want to do with your hair or even if you have, ask your stylist first what they think. They are trained to know what styles look good based on the shape of your face, your skin tones, how thick or thin your hair is, etc. In the end, they have to do whatever you want because after all the customer is always right, but listen to their advice. They

want to make you look good so you will keep coming back.

"I've been with the same stylist for a while now so I trust her," said junior theater major Jess Mc-Culre. "If she says, 'Damn you'd look good in bangs,' I'd trust her completely."

Now one thing that is making a comeback in 2011 is long bangs. Celebs from Reese Witherspoon to Tyra Banks are rocking the long bangs and rocking them well. If you think your hair is too thin to pull off the long bangs, ask your stylist about looking into extensions. Make sure you get good ones though, or it's not even worth trying to pull this look off.

"It's kind of difficult for me in particular to try different hair styles, because I have such thin hair, so my choices are limited," said junior theater major Anna Gruber. "It all kind of depends on your face shape. Mine lends itself to a longer cut."

For those of you like Anna, who look better with the longer cuts, you can do so much with it. One easy thing you can try is just switching products. Manufacturers make all kinds of different products no matter what you hair is like, so just do a little research and find what will work best for

Some of you are more worried about something low maintenance, so you're not spending forever on your hair in the morning. Who has time to worry about looking perfect every morning when you have early morning classes five days a week?

"Anything low maintenance is great because I don't' have the time or energy to worry about my hair before 8 a.m.," said junior biology major Coco Esser.

It all comes down to finding a stylist you trust. Once that happens, let them do their magic. You don't tell your plumber how to fix your sinks, do you?

"I let my hair stylist surprise me. If he has a new style he wants to try I let him go for it," Coco said. "Hair cuts are an adventure for me. I like to be spontaneous and have a different hairstyle when I leave the salon."

Once you leave the salon, just make sure you are taking good care of your hair yourself, and the possibilities are endless.

Girl gives male grooming tips

Lauren Davidson Senior Reporter

When it comes to facial hair it's all about personal preference. Many women are suckers for a man with a scruffy face. Others prefer a nice thick beard or even no facial hair at all on the face of their special guy.

Senior management major Holly Reeves says she prefers men with a little scruff rather than a full-grown heard

"I like a little scruff," Reeves said. "Makes woman feel like they are kissing a man instead of a little boy."

A beard can look nice if you keep it groomed and at an appropriate length. According to Esquire magazine the safest length to grow your beard is right above your Adam's apple. Anything longer will make you look like Tom Hanks in "Castaway" and we all know that's not sexy. When grooming your face make sure you shave away any stray hairs that may appear below the nose, around the lips, on your Adams apple and on the sides and back of your neck.

There are many types of razors out there that can be used to maintain the stubble look, the scruffy look, or a full beard. Valet Magazine suggests that men use the Panasonic All-in-One, Philips Norelco

Vacuum Trimmer, or Wahl Lithium Ion electric razors when trying to maintain the scruffy look.

Senior special education major Josh Hixson has had a beard for a few years and says he prefers keeping his beard rather than shaving it off.

"I definitely prefer to have a beard, I just think I look older with it and I really hate to shave," Hixon said. "I do groom it some so it doesn't get too out of control. Some of that depends on if I am going to be student teaching and need to look professional."

Junior economics major Ryan Brown says that he usually shaves his face one to two times a week, depending on if he wants the stubble look or not.

"I currently have one (a beard), but I am indifferent between the two," Brown said. "I chose to grow out my small goatee on the suggestion on a friend of mine, and I've gotten a lot of compliments on it. Many people say it makes me look older, more mature, more attractive, etc. However I cannot say I would be heartbroken if I shaved it off."

For those guys who opt out of growing a beard and prefer to keep their face hairless and smooth there are many products out there to keep your face not only smelling good but acne free. When it comes to buying low cost after-shave products, Men's Health magazine recommends that you purchase Nivea for Men High Performance Post Shave Balm, which is only \$9.

Beards: A girl's opinion by Lauren Davidson



Feral Beard:
Women usually don't go for the Santa
Clause look, but if you groom it well then it may work.

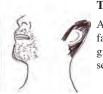


Full Beard:
Beards can look good
if you keep them
groomed correctly.
Trim weekly men.



The Scruffy Look:

Women are very attracted to this look; it makes them feel like they are kissing a manly man.



The Stubble Look:
A light shade of facial hair that still gives you a subtle, sexy look.

Illustrations by: Danielle Paluga

Wash, Rinse, Repeat: Skin Care Tips

Danielle Paluga Columnist

Why you should listen to me: I have been experimenting with skin care since I was six no joke. It all started with St. Ives Apricot Wash and has evolved into more expensive products. I'm no dermatologist, but I have used a lot of products in my life so here's what I've learned.

-Wash your face twice a day no more no less. Washing infrequently leaves skin oily and washing too much leaves it dry.

-Use toner, but sparingly. I use natural toner with a little bit of salicyclic acid in it to help fight acne.

-If you can find a product with rosewater in it use it. Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco and actress, swore by this and it has helped many women stay youthful looking well into old age.

-Simpler the better is the rule when it comes to soap. Nina Garcia, "Project Runway" judge and fashion editor at Marie Claire magazine only uses simple bar soap on her face.

-Moisturize in the morning with a lotion with SPF to protect face from wrinkles later on and use a heavier moisturizing cream at night to make sure your skin is soft.

-Start anti-aging products now. It sounds silly, but using collagen-enhanced moisturizers and creams with retinol prevent wrinkles. Seventeen magazine has said they help prevent pimples too.

-Only use an exfoliate once in a while. Harsh face washes can leave your skin dry and actually cause more pimples because your pores produce more oil to nourish your face.

-Taking care of your face might seem like a chore, but it will pay off. It lets your natural beauty shine and you can wear less makeup. Also Botox won't even need to be in your vocabulary.

Hello gorgeous! Yes you!

Danielle Paluga Columnist

"Beauty is how you feel inside, and it reflects in your eyes. It is not something physical."

Sophia Loren, academy-award winning actress, beauty icon, and one of Italy's greatest exports after pasta, said that quote. If you don't know who she is then I suggest you watch "Arabesque" and then the more recent movie "Nine" in which she shows that you can be gorgeous at any age.

I'm offering this section on beauty and makeup this week because it is fun. But also so I could write this column and tell readers that they are beautifulor for you men-handsome.

Beauty is not a word society can define so I encourage you to feel it inside yourself and to remember everyone is beautiful in his or her own way. And the most important thing to take away from this is that being healthy should be the goal.

Glamour magazine conducted a survey, which they explained in March's issue. It said 97 percent of women will be mean to their body today. Being mean to their body could mean any type of behavior, but specifically thinking negative thoughts about their image.

I'm admitting now, that I am one of those women. I have always been my own worst critic and at the same time rely-

ing on others' approval for my happiness.

One of the powerful things about being a writer is that I can reach a fairly large number of people with my message. I've recently realized this, and so I've made it my goal to let every woman know she is beautiful no matter what size she is whether it is a size double zero or size 28.

From personal experience it has taken me seven years to reach this conclusion and I'm still working on it. I've been on every diet imaginable, but the one that I practiced most was eating around 500 calories a day. That's not exactly healthy. The suggested number of calories for a balanced diet is 2,000 and most doctors recommend cutting out at most 500 calories to lose weight.

I thought I would be happy when I finally reached that size two goal of mine, as you can probably guess, I was not. My weight wasn't the problem; it was my confidence.

Reading Crystal Renn's memoir of transforming from anorexic model into a plus sized model helped me realize that our bodies are supposed to be one size. Most people go on a diet only to come back to about the size they were before, which is healthy for them.

I wasn't meant to be a size two. I am meant to be a size six to eight

When Loren said "beauty" I

think she meant the confidence you feel inside. Cut back on the negative voices inside your head so you can see yourself for who you really are, a beautiful person.

I told myself that I was ugly and fat all the time and I would harm my body in other unhealthy way. Now I try to compliment myself, not in a vain way, but just in a realistic and loving way. It's not easy and don't get mad if you can't do it right away, it takes time.

I hope that you will join me in my quest to tell everyone that they are beautiful. Start with your friends. My highschool friends and I would talk about how fat we were all the time. It might feel like you're bonding, but you end up resenting them in the end. So be positive.

You need to be happy with yourself by yourself, but it always helps to give and receive encouragement.

I'm not going to rant about our society today and our idea of the "perfect size." Instead, I want to say you should pick role models to look up to in how they embrace their size, skinny or curvy. But never compare yourself to anyone. That's when we fall into that self-hating downward spiral.

Face it there's no one in the world like you and that's a good thing.

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including one for "reviving" you. Home remedies are usually more inexpensive, yet require a little more planning to make them work.

Homemade face masks are always a simple and common source that aids in relaxation. Most of the time you don't even have to leave your home to buy ingredients to make a mask, normal everyday foods work together in wondrous ways. Mixing together half a cup of oatmeal oats, an egg, two tablespoons of honey and a few drops of mix makes a paste, that if warmed can be applied to the face for fifteen minutes. Once rinsed off, it will leave your skin smooth and soft. For a more relaxing recipe vanilla, mint or lavender drops can be added to the mixture for more of an

aromatherapy effect.

Another simple way of self pampering is a foot soak. Adding epsom salts, essential oils and warm water to a basin and soaking your feet can be a tranquil, detoxifying experience. For a more massage-like effect marbles can be added to the

bottom of the basin. Roll them under the soles of your feet. After a 30-minute soak wrapping feet up in plastic wrap with help and continue to soften skin; giving the ultimate effect of a spa at home.

Charmed Unique Boutique & Spa downtown offers various types of massages and facials that can help students lessen stress. Charmed is owned and operated by a mother-daughter team, whose philosophy is "What we do is healthy for you." All of the services offered are health conscious and beneficial. The most common services

students get is eyebrow waxing and facials.

"With the regular facials we get the problems on the face worked out and it's a relaxing service." Assistant Managar Carolla Manifold said.

vice," Assistant Manager Carolle Mayfield said. She also says that the best thing to relax is a bubble bath. "The best at home remedy for anyone is a good hot bath. Unplug. Lock the door. Light some candles. And (start) a nice warm tub."

Whether you decide to go for a run, soak in the bath, treat yourself to a massage, remember that everyone needs to spoil and themselves every once in a while.

Sports

Men's hoops tops Clayton St.

Augustine's season-high 21 points power Bobcats past Lakers in critical PBC battle

SAM HUNT SENIOR REPORTER

On Feb. 5, the Georgia College men's basketball team was on the road to face Clayton St. and defeated the Lakers 75-66.

"The guys played as a team, I was really proud of the way we shared the ball and the overall team defense that we had," Assistant Coach Mark Gainous said. "I thought it was probably the best game we played all year."

When both teams stepped out onto the court for the first half, it was the

Bobcats that first took the lead, but Clayton St. was right behind them. For the beginning of the first half, both teams were playing aggressively and the score was close, but the Bobcats led in points.

However, when 15:56 remained in the half, and the two teams were tied 8-8, the Lakers sank a three-pointer that gave them their first lead of the game with the score at 11-8. The Bobcats did not give Clayton St. a chance to make a large point gap and were able to take back the lead when junior forward Mike Augustine sank a three-

pointer with 12:24 remaining to give Georgia College control of the game once again.

As soon as the Bobcats took the lead, they began to spread the point gap over the Lakers. When 47 seconds remained in the half, Georgia College took their first 10-point lead when senior forward Josh Hurst sank a three-pointer that made the score 38-28 favor of the Bobcats. When halftime arrived Georgia College led Clayton St. with a score of 38-32.

"I think our greatest strength was teamwork. Our communication and our talk on defense were really good," Gainous said. "It felt like everybody was on the same page, all 13 guys that were there."

At the start of the second half, the Lakers began to step their game up and when 18:22 remained in the game, they only trailed the Bobcats by two with a score of 38-36. Once Clayton St. trailed Georgia College by two points, both teams continued to play aggressively and the game score remained close. However, as the clock began to run out,

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Senior forward Hurst flourishes in leadership role for Bobcats

Lauren Davidson Senior Reporter

Senior forward, Josh Hurst, was a jack of all trades when it came to athletics in high school.

He was a member of the Clarke Central High School—located in Athens—track and field team, competing in the long jump, triple jump, and 4x1, the football team starting as a wide receiver, and the basketball team where he played as a forward.

He started playing basketball when he was six years old and picked up football in middle school.

It wasn't until his freshman year in high school that he realized he could potentially have the opportunity to be recruited by a Division I football team.

But his real love was basketball.

"I think it was the summer going to my senior year when I realized I wasn't ready to give up basketball for football and decided I wanted to play college basketball," Hurst said.

In high school Hurst averaged 18.5 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks a game and played on the All-Northeast Georgia first team. Bobcats assistant coach Mark Gainous recognized his athletic ability.

"He's very athletic, that's one of the things that drew me to recruit him," Gainous said.

During his senior year, he attended a game at Georgia College and soon after decided that this was the school he wanted to be at.

"When I came to a game, people were nice," Hurst said. "I was introduced to the (Athletic Director) and the coaches, just the whole environment was great around here."

Always being one of the tallest players, once he entered college he realized he was no longer the big fish in the little pond.

"I didn't have my first awakening until I got to college and realized the other guys were just as tall and skilled or taller and more skilled than I

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Kendyl Wade / Senior Photographer/Photo taken on Feb. 2 Hurst was initially a highly-touted football prospect in high school but chose to stick with basketball. He currently leads the Bobcats in several categories this season and has been a dependable senior leader.

By The Numbers 135

Number of rebounds this season by Hurst as of Feb. 5. He is second on the team

Number of steals this season by Hurst as of Feb. 5. He leads the

mber of blocked

Number of blocked shots this season by Hurst. He is tied for second on the team.

Number of minutes played by Hurst this season. He leads the team in this category.

Baseball rallies to take series from Tampa, 2-1

TAYLOR LAMB

STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College baseball team remed from their 2010 championship effects in a best of three series at No. 5 rivals

turned from their 2010 championship efforts in a best of three series at No. 5 rivals University of Tampa. Winning the series 2-1, Georgia College battled the Spartans to a close deciding game three. The overdue series win did not come with a positive start for the Bobcats, despite starting the season at No. 4 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's 2011 Division II Preseason Poll. The Bobcats opened their season last Friday with a familiar start against the Spartans. Georgia College was blown out 13-4 in their first game of the double-header. Junior outfielder Patrick Daughtery led off the day with a triple and was plated by junior outfielder Josh Young's groundout.

Senior righty Ryan Parson took the mound in the first with a 1-0 advantage, but in his four innings pitched, he gave up six runs which led to a Tampa hitting clinic, putting off nine unanswered runs led by Tampa's Damon Elder was 4 for 4 with three RBIs and two scored runs. The dry spell did not end for the Bobcats until the seventh inning when Ikaika Anderson scored on a pinch hit single. Tacking on just two more runs in the ninth was too late of an effort to break the deficit. Evan Stobbs got the win for the Spartans allowing five hits and one run.

The Bobcats, "got beat up pretty good in game one," Head Coach Tom Carty said.

Game 1

Georgia College 4 Tampa 13

Game 2

Georgia College 8 Tampa 5

Game 3

Georgia College 8 Tampa 4

Up next: @ West Georgia - Feb. 11

"Saving pitching was the only good thing to probably come out of it."

Preseason All-American, senior outfielder Shawn Ward roped a double in the first inning of game two to score one of his two runs for the Bobcats, hoping to set the mentality to overcome the losing streak to Tampa. Another senior leader, left hander

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Women's hoops falls to Clayton

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

Nobody has been able to stop the No. 2 Clayton State women's basketball team this season, not even Georgia College. But even in the wake of a tough 87-61 loss on Feb. 5 to the undefeated Lakers, the Bobcats found a silver lining in the form of their inspired second half performance and a renewed sense of team unity.

"It was a tough loss. We came out and didn't match the intensity," senior guard Dominique Huffin said. "I think the good thing that came out of it though was that we came together as a team in the second half. I think we were more of a team then as any other time this year. Everybody was on the same page, and we were picking each other up and feeding off of each other."

After falling behind 42-19 at halftime, the Bobcats were only outscored 45-42 in the second half. Huffin turned in a powerful performance, scoring 24 points, while fellow senior guard Chimere Jordan had 13 points, and sophomore guard Karisma Boykin chipped in with 10 points. The Lakers had

a balanced offensive effort with

11 different players scoring. Georgia College Head Coach Maurice Smith was impressed with his team's second half ef-

"We talked to the team, and after you suffer a tough loss like that, the biggest thing is how you bounce back," Smith said. "We did that in the second half and showed some fight. So we are trying to build from those positives. We picked up the energy and effort in the second half, and we would like to take those positives and carry them throughout the rest of the year."

The loss dropped the Bobcats to 14-5 overall and 6-5 in PBC play heading into their game against Augusta State on Feb. 10, which had not been played at press time.

With only a few games left in

the regular season, the Bobcats are trying put themselves in the best possible position entering postseason play.

Smith said that starts with what he calls the team's staple, defense.
"We've got to get back to de-

fending well and holding our

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A LETTER FROM THE SPORTS EDITOR



SCOTTY THOMPSON
SPORTS EDITOR

This will be the first, and maybe the last time, you hear directly from me, since I'm more of a behind-thescenes kind of guy. Caleb Rule will be back in this slot next week. In addition to The Colonnade's sixth consecutive first place finish in the Georgia Collegiate Press Association General Excellence category last weekend as well, the sports section also came out on top for the fourth year in a row. Though I'm not the type to brag, I'm taking this week to give a shout out to some well-deserving folks.

First there's Matt Chambers, our fearless editorin-chief, and our advisor Macon McGinley, who have lent me more support than I could have imagined. These two people encouraged and convinced me more than anyone else to join this incredible and award-winning staff.

Next, there's my predecessor, Preston Sellers. Preston was a big part of solidifying this section's place at the top of the list at GCPA and was another big influence on me.

Then there's Sam Hunt, my assistant and right-hand man. You probably won't find anyone that is harder working than Sam, who brings you the Short Stop at the bottom of the page every week, and always seems to be covering multiple things at a time, usually writing deadline pieces to help me out

Next, is the aforementioned Caleb Rule, your weekly sports columnist. Caleb has the crafty ability to make his readers laugh and more importantly, think. His humor is matched evenly with strong supporting facts for his arguments.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention all the writers who have written for this section over the past year and all the photographers who have added the visual element to our stories. Their hard work and dedication makes getting this section out every week possible.

Speaking of Bobcat Athletics, I have to send plenty of props their way. Al Weston, Georgia College's Sports Information Director, works tirelessly as a liaison between our reporters and athletes and coaches to make sure everything runs smoothly in the interview processes. And of course, I want to thank all the athletes, coaches and staff, including Athletic Director Wendell Staton, who have given our reporters their time and courtesy to improve the quality of the section.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who read this section week in and week out and provide us with feedback on how we are doing. My goal has always been to make this section as inclusive as possible.

So, if you are interested in writing or taking photos for us, or have any suggestions on how we can improve our coverage, we'd love to hear from you.

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The Short Stop

Upcoming Games

Baseball:

Feb. 11 1 p.m. (DH) @West Georgia Feb. 13 1 p.m. (DH) vs. West Georgia

Softball:

Feb. 11 2 p.m. (DH) @Queens, N.C.. Feb. 12 12 p.m. (DH) @ Catawba

Quote of the Week

"I've never heard of that. That was a new one. It is what it is. Everyday is something different. I guess now it's the Lakers"

 Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony about the rumors that the Lakers and Nuggets were discussing a potential deal sending him to the Lakers in exhange for Andrew Bynum. (ESPN)

Notable Stat

24.6

Average number of points per game Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony has scored this season. Anthony is one of the top scorers in the league.

No. 14 men's tennis shuts out Morehouse, 9-0

MATT CHAMBERS SENIOR REPORTER

The Georgia College men's tennis team served up a commanding 9-0 victory over Morehouse College on Feb. 5 to start off the season.

The shutout victory gave the No. 12 Bobcats a chance to see how the team will look for the upcoming sea-

"The guys played well; we expected to win so we were looking more for the energy," Head Coach Steve Barsby said. "I think it looked good and the energy was up and that's the win."

The team's lead doubles duo,

junior Jerome Leborgne and sophomore Johan Wadstein, took down the Tigers' duo Michael Cutresis ad Michael Thomas with a strong 8-1

Second Georgia College doubles junior Leo Bernardes and sophomore Tyler Franks won the most battled match against Tory Martin and Jordan Bailey by 8-4.

Juniors Robert Angelucci and Tobias Raush shutout Morehouse's Khia Hall and Noah Terry.

"Everyone has bad days, but I won 8-0 so I did good work," Angelucci said. "I enjoyed playing with my partner Tobias.'

The Bobcats racked up eight singles wins against Morehouse as well.

"It was a strong effort from us and it was nice to see we were all motivated."

> Robert Angelucci, junior

Leborgne, ranked No .16 in singles nationally, defeated Martin 6-1, 6-1. Bernardes followed up with a 6-0,6-1 victory against Mario Ecung.

Following the first two, the Bobcats went on a shutout streak.

Wadstein took down Cutresis 6-0, 6-0 and Rausch followed suite taking Dewayne Dixon down 6-0, 6-0.

Franks won against Thomas with two shutouts, 6-0, 6-0.

Sophomore Wictor Anderson broke the shutout streak, but still took down the Tiger's James Presely 6-0,

"It was a strong effort from us and it was nice to see we were all motivated," Angelucci said. "It was a good The Morehouse victory started the

Bobcats working all week to prepare for the Feb. 11 match against No. 25

"I'm hoping it's going to be good, I think if we play well, we'll do well,"

Barsby said. "I'm looking forward to a test this early in the season."

Also on the Bobcats' agenda this weekend is a Feb. 12 visit to Mars

Hill and a Feb. 13 stop at Wingate. "If we can get through Aiken, it'll

be a good weekend," Barsby said. The Aiken match has the possibility to set the tone for the team's sea-

After coming one match short of the national tournament last year, the team has high hopes for this year.

"I'm hoping we can get back into the national tournament and go from there," Barsby said. "I haven't had a team like this in a while—all pushing

for one goal."

Softball drops doubleheader against Brewton Parker

CHANDLER LEE STAFF REPORTER

Freshman outfielder Whitney Okvist of the Georgia College softball team has had the same. simple mentality every time she approaches the plate for each at bat: find a way to get a hit.

That mindset was learned during Okvist's travel ball days while playing with the Vipers for coach Jessica Seamon.

'She (Seamon) instilled that mentality in me, and it's something I've been doing ever since,' Okvist said.

That method paid off for Okvist, who went a combined four for six at the plate with three runs scored in the Bobcats' season opening games against Brewton Parker College.

"We played good at times but it wasn't enough for us in the end," Okvist said.

The Bobcats (0-2, 0-0 PBC) dropped their season opener to the Brewton Parker College Barons in both games of the slated double header, 4-3 and 7-1 on Feb. 9.

Game one took extra innings to decide the

The Bobcats trailed 2-1 for most of the contest as both teams threatened but could not plate a run from the second through fifth innings.

Junior Bobcat catcher Anna Parker led off the bottom of the sixth with a towering homerun, hooking just fair of the left field foul pole.

With the score even at 2-2, the Bobcats would load the bases in the bottom of the sixth with one out.

Baron hurler Crystal Chesser was able to avoid further damage, striking out Bobcat freshman pinch hitter Lindsey Conway and forcing freshman Alex Duvall into a fly out to left to end the inning.

The Barons quickly got on the board in the seventh, forcing the Bobcats into a last at bat

Down 3-2, Georgia College was able to answer in the bottom half of the frame.

Okvist led off with a single and later advanced to third on a Haley Burnett infield single.

Junior Maggie Davis plated Okvist with a sacrifice fly to right field, deadlocking the game

In extra innings, both teams would start with a runner at second base, as stated by the international tiebreaker rule.

The reasoning is to speed up gameplay and allow both teams with even chances to score a The Barons struck back in the top of the

eighth on a double by Chesser, who drove in teammate Ashley Wooton. Georgia College would not score in the bot-

tom half, sealing the victory for the Barons in game one. The Bobcats left 10 runners on base in the

Head coach Jamie Grodecki said the team played well in spurts, but has to have a full effort to be successful.



MANOJ KUNINTI/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman outfielder Whitney Okvist slides into home safely as on deck batter Anna Parker looks on.

"We had a lot of fight in game one," Grodecki said. "We just need to focus on winning every inning of play in order to win the overall

Junior pitcher Haley Burnett fired eight

strong innings of work in the defeat, allowing four runs, three of which were earned, while scattering four hits.

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Golf rebuilds, but remains confident with depth

SAM HUNT SENIOR REPORTER

On Feb. 14, the Georgia College golf team will have its first match of the new season.

Until that time, the Bobcats are adapting to some new changes in the roster.

The Bobcats lost two of their players this past year due to graduation. Francisco Bide and Niclass Johansson were both four year starters for the golf team.

Johansson was also the first fourtime All American that Georgia College has ever had.

The loss of two four-year starters has caused changes in the team line-

up.
"This is the first time in three years that we don't have our top four players solidified," Head Coach Jimmy

Wilson said. "The last three years we were pretty much set in our top four. We're just going to try to figure out who our five are going to be and see what we can do."

Even with the loss of two starting players, Wilson is confident in the Bobcats' team strength going into the upcoming season.

"I think our greatest strength will be competition for the spots. We're deeper than we've been in the past, meaning that we can play more people than we were able to in the past," Wilson said. "Hopefully this will make everybody stay sharper. They'll be no room for complacency, that's for sure."

Georgia College is looking to overcome their challenges that the team has been facing in preparing for the upcoming season, including the weather "We're deeper than we've been in the past, meaning that we can play more people than we were able to play in the past."

Jimmy Wilson, Head Coach

"We haven't had the best weather to practice or play in. But the guys have fought through it," Wilson said. "In terms of other challenges, I don't see any real weaknesses. They're working hard and everybody's got there shortcomings but I think we'll fight through those."

In order to prepare for the upcoming season, the Bobcats were on the road this weekend to Valdosta St. to get some practice in.

The play between the two was noncompetitive and was just to get some experience.

Coach Wilson explained that playing some noncompetitive golf was also beneficial because it allowed Georgia College to get some experience playing on a Bermuda grass course, which is similar to multiple courses that the team will play on in this upcoming season.

The Bobcats are preparing to face some tough competition coming up this season. Currently No. 2 in the region, Georgia College will be facing teams such as the No. 1 team in the region, Columbus St. and North Alabama, which is ranked No. 1 nationally.

"Our section of the country is probably the strongest section in the country," Wilson said. "Just getting out of our regional tournament is a feat in itself."

The Bobcats will be on the road Feb. 14 and Feb. 15 to play in the Matlock Invitational in Lakeland Fla, which will be will be hosted by Florida Southern.

"Everybody seems to be buying in. There all on board so to speak. I don't have any predictions this year," Wilson said. "I expect us to go out and compete every round. Some days are going to be good, some days not so good. That's what happens when you have a relatively young squad. If we can get everybody playing well at the same time we'll be okay. We're just going to take it one day at a time and see what happens."

Spring intramurals increase numbers, enjoy success

Brina Potvin Staff Writer

The Spring semester intramural sports are dodging and dribbling their way off to a great start with 137 different registered teams, around 980 players and even more participation to come later in the Spring when softball will be back by popular demand and four-onfour flag football will be offered for the very first time.

With over 1,200 intramural games played and around 2,020 student participants in intramurals since the Fall, intramural sports are becoming even more popular among the student body as improvements are made to meet the needs of all prospective players.

"I know that (intramurals) is one of the most largely participated in areas on campus and I'd like to do whatever I can to keep it that way," Bert Rosenberger, Coordinator of Recreational Sports, said. "It's the largest common denominator for any students we have other than academics. All of our Fall sports for

2010, they grew from our numbers from 2009 and we're expecting the same thing for Spring." "Our biggest challenge is trying to accommodate

So far, the Spring sports are having very successful seasons as new sports are being introduced to the line-up. The purpose of these innovations lies in the effort RecSports is making in deviating from only offering what Rosenberger refers to as the traditional "meat and potatoes" type of sports like football and basketball, while pleasing the students of Georgia College as a whole.

whole.

"We are trying to offer sports that appeal to the whole entire student body. We're trying to do things like kickball, dodgeball and volleyball that might appeal to everyone. That's really kind of been one of our goals because it seems like the same types of students play things like basketball or football but then there's some other kids that are more into the kickball and Frisbee scene," Rosenberger said. "Ultimately we just want to get as many people involved as we can."

One of the more recently added sports, dodgeball, has proven to be

"Our biggest challenge is trying to accomodate everyone's schedule preferences."

Bert Rosenberger, Coordinator of Recreational Sports

a favorite among intramural players and scorekeepers.

"Dodgeball has been a huge success. It's a good way for people to let out their struggles from the long day. Some can be goofy, some serious, but rarely does anyone leave having a bad time," senior history

major Candice Aaron said.

Despite the fact that RecSports staff is receiving positive feedback on the newly added sports, and proof is seen in the participation numbers, there is one large issue that the intramural administrators are facing.

"Our biggest challenge is trying to accommodate everyone's sched-

ule preferences," Rosenberger said. "(Since) we have so many teams, it's virtually impossible to accommodate everyone because our amount of space doesn't accommodate the amount of participation that we have. So that means that everybody doesn't get the most desirable playing times."

The issue is so challenging in fact, that RecSports staff had no choice but to schedule dodgeball games during the Super Bowl game. Although the present situation is undesirable to say the least, the current season is still successful and there seems to be a hope for intramural seasons in the future.

"Despite the lack of sufficient facilities for the indoor sports, I would say the Spring sports so far are doing just as good as the Fall sports. This is only going to improve with the addition of the Wellness and Recreation Center," junior biology major and RecSports player and staff member Bobby Dunn said.

Along with more opportunities

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By The Numbers

137

Number of registered teams participating in the winter intramural season. The sports are basketball and basketball and dodgeball.

980

Approximate number of students participating in intramurals so far this semester

1,200

Approximate number of games played for all intramural sports since the fall

SOFTBALL

HOME SEASON OPENER DOUBLEHEADER
TUESDAY, FEB. 15 AT 2 P.M. AND 4 P.M.
VS. YOUNG HARRIS MOUNTAIN LIONS

BOBCAT SOFTBALL WELCOMES
JAMIE MADEWELL-GRODECKI
HEAD COACH

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TWO-TIME ALL-AMERICAN GC PITCHER
MANDY CHANDLER
ASSISTANT COACH

SECOND YEAR GRADUATE ASSISTANT KELLY MILLER

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH





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FRANCIS MARION
FEB. 27 • 12 & 2 P.M.
LINCOLN MEMORIAL
MARCH 1 • 2 P.M.

LANDER MARCH 1 * 4 P.M. LANDER PACK THE PARK IN PINK

MID-SOUTH CLASSIC MARCH 9 * 2 & 4 P.M. LYNN MARCH 11 * 3 & 5 P.M.
WINGATE

MARCH 13 * 12 & 2 P.M.
CARBON-NEWMAN
ALUMNI DAY

MARCH 17 * 4 & 6 P.M.
AUGUSTA ST.

MARCH 28 * 3 & 5 P.M.
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MARCH 30 * 2 & 4 P.M.
COLUMBUS ST.

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Club soccer drills Macon State, stays undefeated

TAYLOR LAMB STAFF REPORTER

Dominated was the word of choice after the Georgia College men's club soccer team pounced on Macon State College for an 8-1 victory Feb. 6 at Macon State.

The club team, now 2-0 in their Spring season, arrived to the field with only 11 players. For 90 minutes, the Bobcats had zero substitutes, were missing five starters, and were outnumbered by six. Disregarding stagnate puddles accumulated along the field, the 11 men played a complete game with no breaks, to punish their opponent in every aspect.

Sophomore forward Nathan Pulliam put on a clinic with a hat trick and stellar defense.

'It was kind of hard to score that first goal,' Pulliam said. "But once we started, they just kept pouring on.'

Pulliam's first goal came off an up-the-line pass from senior mid-fielder Charlie Cassidy. With Pulliam all alone, he chipped the keeper despite his aerial efforts for an upper right corner goal. After the second kick-off, the Bobcats took control at mid-field and fed Pulliam another one-on-one look, resulting in his second goal. Cassidy did more than just perfecting his assists, by adding a goal of his own just prior to the halftime whistle.

With a 3-0 lead they started the second half with the same intensity as the first. Getting ac-

climated to the puddles on the opposite side of the field slowed nothing for the team as Pulliam, minutes after second half play resumed, recorded his third and final goal off a blast from about 20 yards outside the goal. Not only did the team control the game, but they also did it with players out of position.

It was an interesting game," Coach Elliott Payne said. "We had guys out of position, but we still did well. I think we had two goalies score goals."

After senior outside mid-fielder Walker Hendry played a ball through the Macon State box, giving senior forward Campbell Berry his first goal, and Georgia College their fifth. A keeper change was administered and sophomore goalie Nick Creighton then marched down the field scoring with ease for the teams sixth. The afternoon was not perfect, due to a questionable penalty call at the top of the Georgia College

Macon State's Martin Villanova executed his free kick flawlessly, ruining a shut out at 6-1. Feeling no threat, the Bobcats continued their routine that cold afternoon: score, score and score. Sophomore Travis Thomas added one for the books, thanks to a junior mid-fielder Will Strawbridge pass. In a why not effort, sophomore goalie Justin Hennick came out of the goal to get some foot work in just before the game's conclusion. On a perfect cross, he placed a strong header in the top of the net. Senior out-



Senior mid-fielder Charlie Cassidy takes a Macon State defender one-on-one in the Bobcats 8-1 victory on Feb. 5.The win improved Georgia College's record to 2-0, as they prepare for another match on Feb. 11.

side mid-fielder Walker Hendry concluded the ball up and down the field is getting easier and scoring parade with a 30-yard, untouched shot

to give the Bobcats their 8-1 victory. We've started trusting each other," senior

mid-fielder Charlie Cassidy said. "Moving the

The Bobcats are focused on continuing their win strength at Kennesaw State University Feb.

Volleyball club team holds tryouts for new members

JESSICA RAMIREZ STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 26, 12 women tried out for the Georgia College women's volleyball club in an attempt to join the team.

This club has been around since 2004 and has gone through different members and leaders. Junior nursing major and Spanish minor, Diana Dazey has been on the team since the fall of 2008 and has been the president of the club since the spring of 2009.

This semester, freshman prenursing major Callan Bennett will be the new president for the club.

Both Dazey and Bennett were very impressed with the amount of girls that showed up for the tryouts. They advertised in many different ways to get information out with flyers, chalk on campus, and e-mail announcements.

"Over the past year we really gained a lot of strength and more players and more visibility on campus, so in the past couple of years it has been really coming together," Dazey said.

Georgia College Assistant Professor of Mass Communication Stephen Price has been the coach and advisor of the volleyball team since fall of 2009. Price met the team at a fund"Over the past year we really gained a lot of strength and more visibility on campus."

Diana Dazey, junior nursing major

raiser and was surprised that there was a volleyball team on

This is our first real coach, so we were really excited to get him. We are very lucky." Dazey said. "He has a lot of experience."

The volleyball team meets every Wednesdays and Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. There are currently 15 members, and this number changes throughout the year because the team gains and loses members every semester.

The team has attended several volleyball tournaments in the past.

"A lot of schools have club teams and we basically just email them or we use Facebook and try to get information on when they are having tournaments," Bennett said. "It is usually just a Saturday, and we

Last semester, the volleyball team went to several tournaments at other schools, which include the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and Clayton State University. Also, they went to the University of Tennessee and Clemson Univer-

The qualifications to be part of the women's volleyball club changes every year.

'We are just looking for people that have had experience before," junior nursing major Hailey Larmour and vice president of the club said. "We want to try and make the team as competitive as possible, so preferable people that have played in high school. Each year it changes; the skill level changes according to the girls that come out."

One of the team's main goals is to have a more competitive team than in the past.

Last semester, the team's hard work was reflected in one of the tournaments at Clayton State, in which it won second

"We haven't had a competitive team in a really long time. and last year we seemed to have some pretty dedicated girls who were dedicated to coming out to practice and working together, and I think that's what put us in that position," Larmour said.

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for indoor intramural teams to get more desirable playing times, the new Wellness and Recreation Center, scheduled to open in 2012, will provide RecSports with the opportunity to add new sports to the line-up like indoor soccer and volleyball. Additionally, there will be more employment opportunities available to accommodate the larger range of games being played.

"We are looking to increase the number (of staff

members) once the new Wellness Center opens up," Rosenberger said. Students not only get a

lot out of playing the sports offered during the intramural season, but from working for RecSports as well.

"Working with intramu-rals is always a lot of fun. We have a great staff this year which makes going to work something you can look forward too," junior Rhetoric major Lindsey Forester said.

As these exciting, current and upcoming innovations are being made for intramurals, some students may still be unsure about playing.

"To any students interested in intramurals I would tell them intramurals can be a fun thing to do with your friends and a way to meet new people. It doesn't matter if you're athletic or know anything about the sport," Aaron said. "(Even) if you don't know enough people to start a team, you can ask to join one. Don't miss the chance to be involved in this great thing on campus because when you graduate the opportunity to play in right different sport leagues for cheap rates won't come around too often.'

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was," Hurst said. "Then I realized I had to work harder than ever to get where I wanted to be. My freshman year I barely stepped foot on the floor, but I continued to work and contribute to the team as best I could until my opportunity came my sophomore year to gain a starting spot."

During his career at Georgia College he has played a very versatile role on the

When he arrived at Georgia College Hurst as set up to play forward for the Bobcats, but did not make his debut until his sophomore year as the team's center.

At the start of his junior year, he was moved back into the small forward position while switching off positions with fellow forward, junior Ryan Aquino.

Aquino says that Hurst is a leader on and off the court and is one of the hardest workers on the team.

"He lets everybody know when we are meeting," Aquino said. "He's the vocal leader of the team. If there is something that needs to be said, if there's something from the team (that needs) to get to the coaches or coaches to the team he takes care of that. If people have questions they'll go to him."

Hurst currently leads the team in minutes and steals and is in the all-time top 10 in rebounding for Georgia College basketball.

Hurst doesn't regret his decision of giving up football for basketball.

"I think when deciding on schools and sports for the college level, take advantage and be thankful for the opportunity you have to be able to pick and choose, but realize that it is your future your deciding on," Hurst said. "So make the decision that will make you happy and the decision you can live with."

Baseball

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Jason Nicholas gave a solid effort allowing five runs in his over six-inning performance. The Spartans jumped on the Bobcats' early 1-0 lead when Tampa third baseman, Damon Elder doubled and left fielder Connor Obrochta followed with a single. Two batters later, center fielder Tyler Ding cleared the bases with a 2 RBI left field single putting Tampa back on top 2-1.

Junior outfielder Josh Young came up big in the third for the Bobcats, providing a double down the line, where he later scored on a Tampa throwing error. Tampa had a big fourth inning adding two more runs. The Bobcats had an infield error followed by a hit-by-pitch progressing

The bats came alive for Georgia College in the fifth when junior Patrick Daughtery doubled to score junior Luke Mckay, who had been a pitch. Daughtery stole third, allowing him to score with ease on a Tampa outfield throwing error. Junior Tanner Funk's RBI double to left center kept the inning going for junior Cody Maas, who's two run single gave the lead back to the Bobcats.

Senior pre-season All American catcher Richard Pirkle blasted a home run to left center in the seventh for Georgia College's, giving confidence to freshman Matt Robinson, who got his first save "We knew win or lose, this doesn't mean the season for us," Pirkle said. "Coach Carty is always on us since we were so close last year, so we're working hard.'

Pirkle, who missed all of summer ball with a broken finger, welcomed Tampa's bullpen Saturday by dropping another bomb to left field, taking

the lead in the second inning. Both he and Tanner Funk doubled in the fourth providing two more runs. Freshman Matt Robinson came in in the eighth with the bases loaded

and no outs, to escape with only one point. "I was nervous, but they had some base running blunders that helped me out of it," Robinson

With the scored tied 4-4 in the ninth, the Bobcats put up three in their last at bat. Anderson scored on a wild pitch after being walked and Young singled to center plating Daughtery.

Senior Shawn Ward did his job with a sacrifice fly to give freshman closer Matt Robinson the 8-4 lead for the close. Hitting his first batter followed with an infield error, the freshman buckled down to get out unscratched, getting his second save in

"This is definitely our strongest team," Pirkle said. "Win or lose this series, we knew it doesn't mean the whole season and what we want to accomplish."

The Bobcats are in action Feb. 11 at West Georgia, and make their home debut Feb. 13 for games three and four of the series against West

bring the Bobcats' lead over them down to four points when

> Even so, the Bobcats did not allow the Lakers to take the lead and continued to play ag-

> a free-throw shot left Clayton

When 18 seconds remained

with the score at 75-67.

hosted Augusta St. in their second-to-last home game of the season. The game had not been played at press time.

at is the best it's been all year. I think all the guys are really buying in to what where teaching them. I think we're at a good spot right now," Gainous said. "I think basically we need to get just a little bit more sharp on offense and a little tougher on defense and I think we can have a pretty good rest of the

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opponents to a low field goal percentage, winning the re-bounding battle and doing those little things and fundamentals that we preach day in and day out," Smith said. "Our defense has won a lot of games for us, and that's the challenge for our players and coaches, to get it back going on the defensive

Huffin said another key goal for the Bobcats will be winning the games that they're supposed to and finishing strong, especially in their away games.

The majority of the games are going to be on the road, so we've got to come

into those games knowing we are already down by 10 and come ready to play," she said. "We need to play to the best of our ability and pick up on our defense again and our aggressiveness.'

Even with the loss to Clayton State, the Bobcats season is far from over, as Huffin pointed out.

"We know that it's not over. It's just a lump in the road. You've just got to overcome the adversity and keep going," Huffin said. "We need that neversay-die attitude. We showed that in the Clayton game. We've just got to finish ball games.

Georgia College's goals and expectations for the rest of the season remain at the highest level.

both matches.

"We've just got to keep our eyes on the prize and keep working hard and be ready for what's coming up next."

Dominique Huffin, Senior guard

"We are a successful team. We have everything we need to make a big run in the playoffs," Huffin said. "We have high hopes of winning the Peach Belt Conference and making it to the national tournament. We've just got to keep our eyes on the prize and keep working hard and be ready for what's coming up next."

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Burnett agrees with her coach as the Bobcats move forward in the early season.

"We still have a lot to work on," Burnett said. "We have to work on our hitting as well as bringing everyone together as a team."

In game two, mental lapses and a lack of fundamental defense plagued Georgia College, as Brewton Parker won game two, 7-1. The Bobcat defense accounted for five er-

rors. Only four of the seven Baron runs were earned in game two. The lone run for the Bobcats came in bot-

throwing error by the Barons.

tom of the third when Okvist scored on a The Barons scored six unanswered runs

to end the game. The Bobcats left five run-

The Bobcats return home on Feb. 15 to face Young Harris for a double header start-

ners on base in game two and a total 15 in

'There is a lot we have to work on," Grodecki said. "We had some really good approaches in both games, but we have to put it all together to have a consistent game."

Georgia College returns to action this

The Bobcats play at Catawba on Feb. 12

weekend, traveling to Queens, N.C. on Feb.

and continue the road trip at West Georgia

11 for a 2 and 4 p.m. twin bill.

ing at 2 p.m. Okvist knows the importance of the coming days for the team.

'We have a big road trip coming up," Okvist said. "We have to play the whole game through and hopefully we will see good results.'

of nine points with the score of Determined to take control of the game, the Lakers con-

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the Bobcats began to increase

the point gap again, and when

9:16 remained on the clock, a

tip-in from junior forward Ryan

Aquino gave Georgia College

their greatest lead of the half

tinued to fight and managed to

St. trailing Georgia College with a score of 62-58. gressively.

on the final clock, junior forward Jared Holmes netted two free-throw shots that secured the Bobcats lead up to eight

On Feb. 10, the Bobcats

"I think where the team is